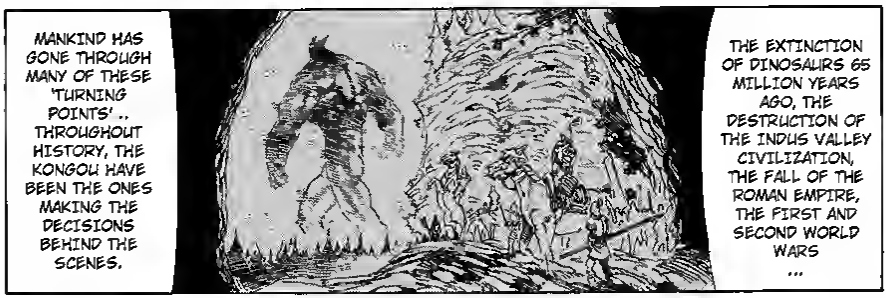
STRIKE 110 !! DEAD OR ALIVE

WERE LEFT BEHIND BY THE KONGOU... WHO HAVE BEEN WATCHING OVER THE FUTURE OF ALL MANKIND.
TITANS, GIANTS, DAIDARABOTCHI, OGRES... THESE HAVE BEEN THE OBJECT OF AWE AND WORSHIP SINCE THE ANCIENT TIMES. THESE LEGENDARY FIGURES...

DAIDARABOTCHI: A GIANT YOUKAI IN JAPANESE FOLKLORE


MANKIND HAS GONE THROUGH MANY OF THESE 'TURNING POINTS'.. THROUGHOUT HISTORY, THE KONGOU HAVE BEEN THE ONES MAKING THE DECISIONS BEHIND THE SCENES.
THE EXTINCTION OF DINOSAURS 65 MILLION YEARS AGO, THE DESTRUCTION OF THE INDUS VALLEY CIVILIZATION, THE FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE, THE FIRST AND SECOND WORLD WARS ...

BUT ONE THING'S FOR SURE... A KONGOU WHO IS TRYING TO MAKE AN ENEMY OUT OF ALL MANKIND HAS APPEARED.
WHETHER IT WAS FOR THE GOOD OF MANKIND OR WHETHER IT WAS DECIDED ON A WHIM, WE DON'T KNOW.

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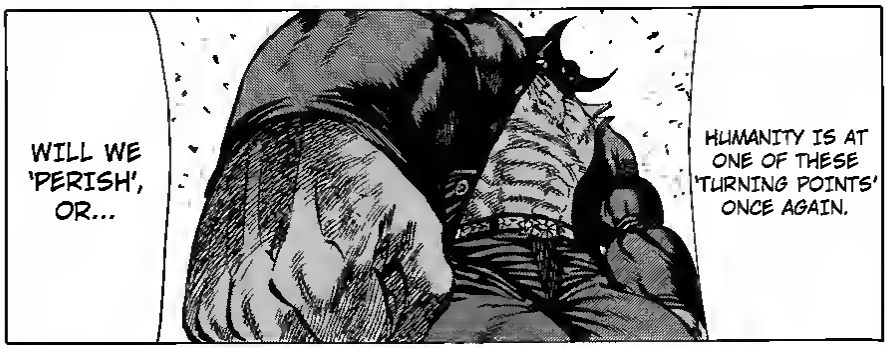

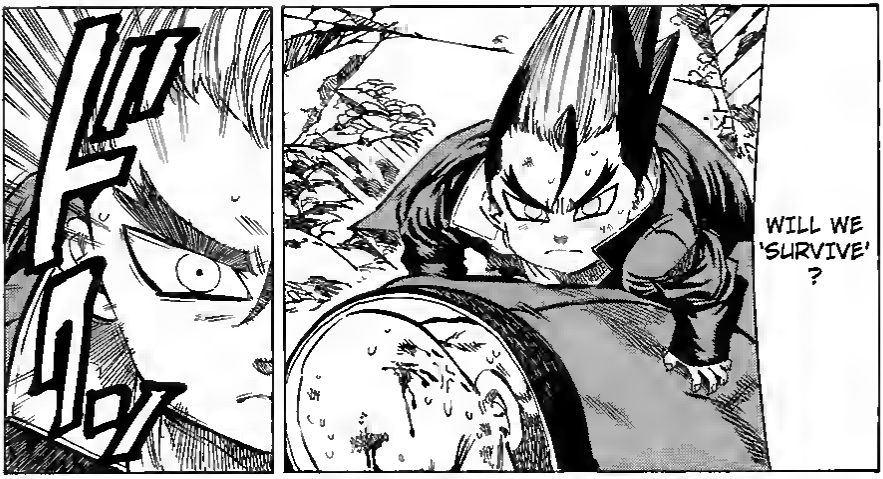
WILL WE 'SURVIVE' ?

BIG BRO ...

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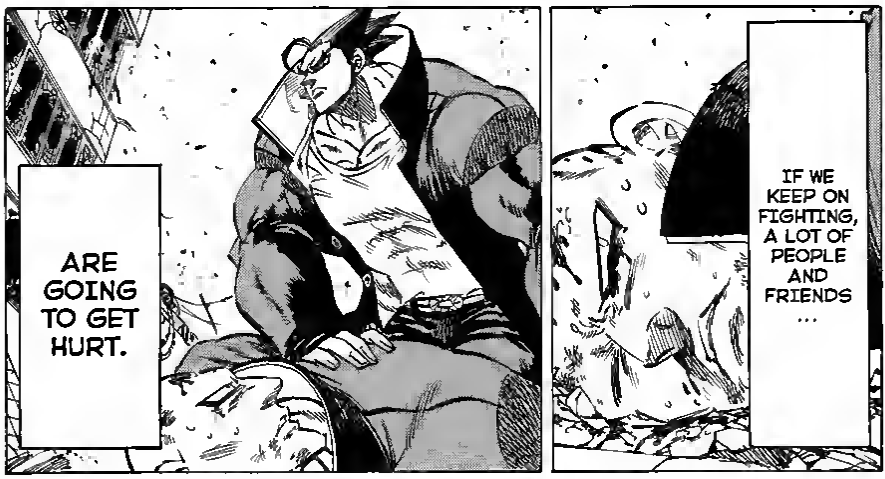
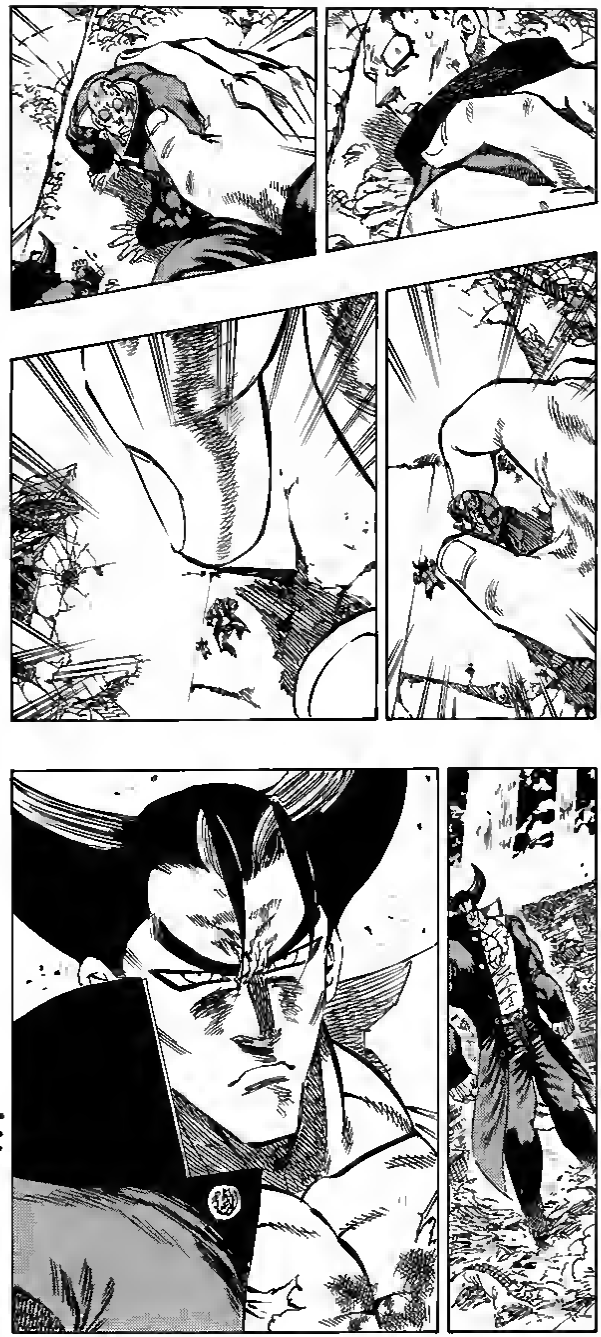
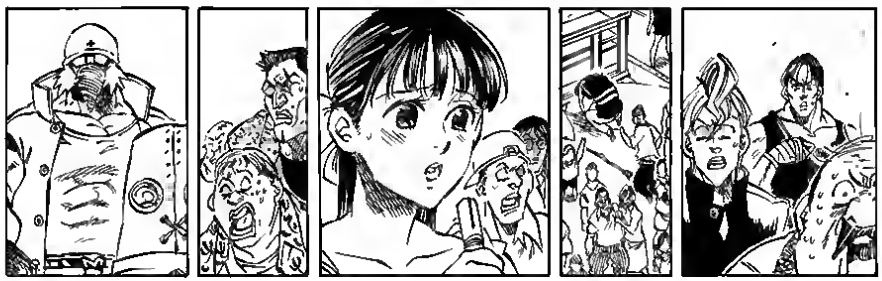
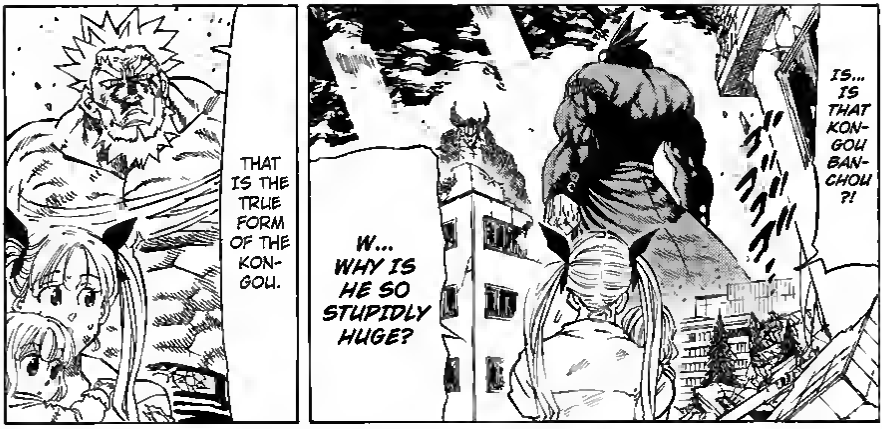
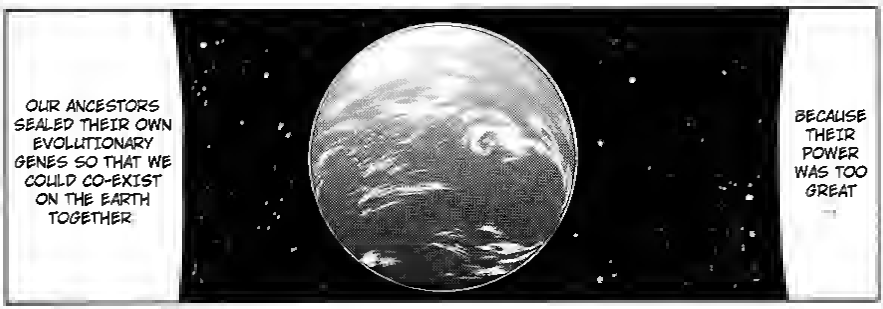

ARE GOING TO GET HURT.
IF WE KEEP ON FIGHTING, A LOT OF PEOPLE AND FRIENDS ...


THAT'S WHY...
LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS FIGHT ...
ONCE AND FOR ALL!

AND EVERYTHING ELSE ON THIS!
WE'LL PLACE OUR BELIEFS
STRIKE 110 !!
DEAD OR ALIVE




THAT IS THE TRUE FORM OF THE KONGOU.
W... WHY IS HE SO STUPIDLY HUGE?
IS... IS THAT KONGOU BANCHOU?!


OUR ANCESTORS SEALED THEIR OWN EVOLUTIONARY GENES SO THAT WE COULD CO-EXIST ON THE EARTH TOGETHER
BECAUSE THEIR POWER WAS TOO GREAT

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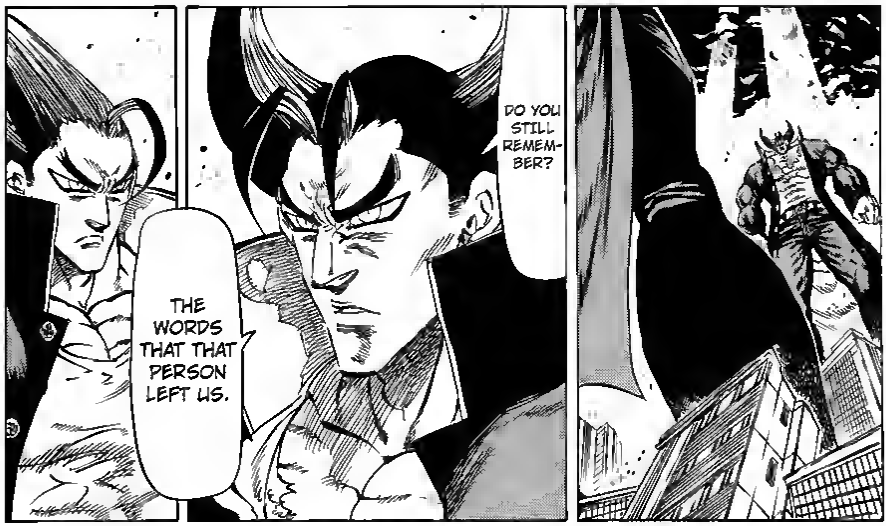
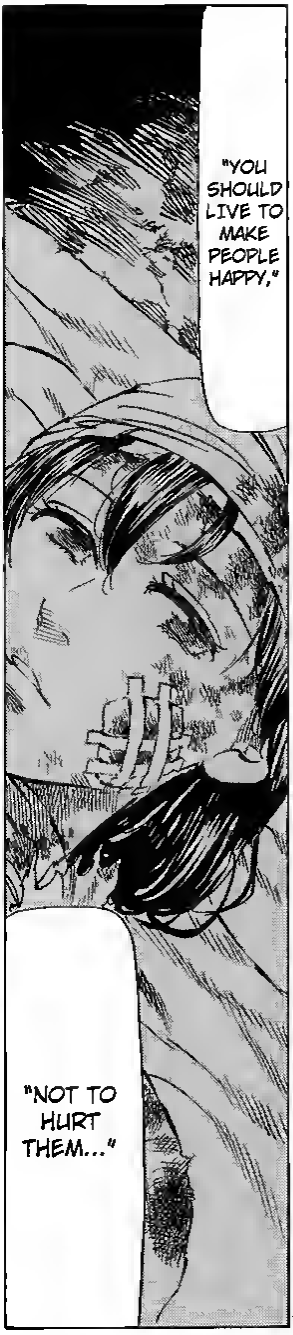

THE WORDS THAT THAT PERSON LEFT US.
DO YOU STILL REMEMBER?

AND I ONLY WANTED HER TO BE HAPPY.
SHE LOVED THIS WORLD.


"YOU SHOULD LIVE TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY,"
"NOT TO HURT THEM..."
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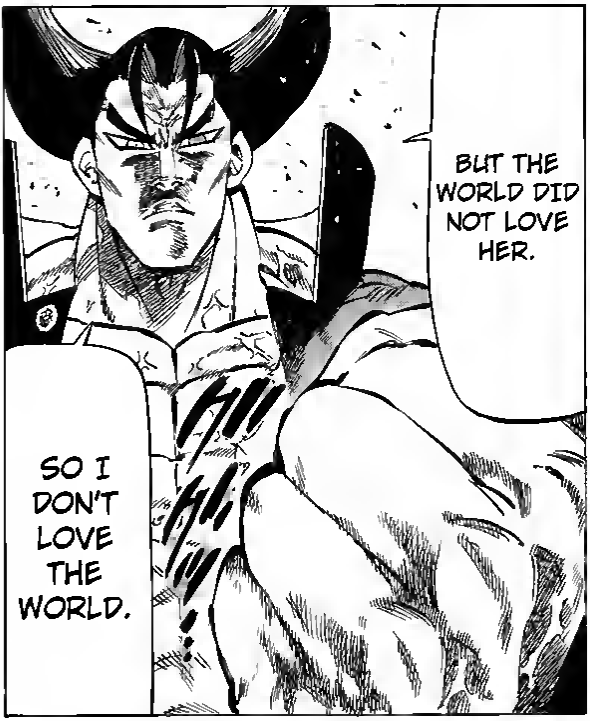
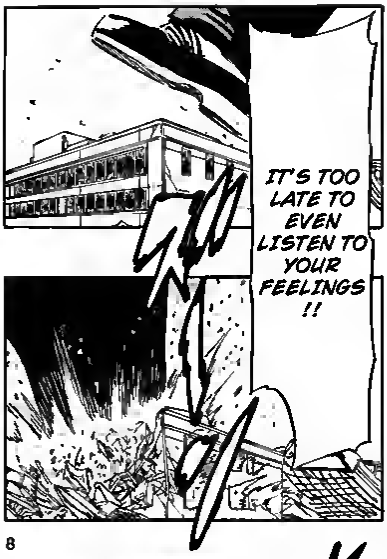
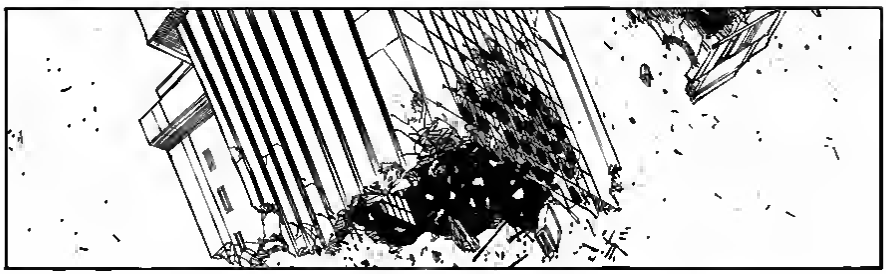

BUT THE WORLD DID NOT LOVE HER.
SO I DON'T LOVE THE WORLD.

AND TURN IT INTO A WORLD WHICH I LOVE.
I WILL DESTROY THIS WORLD ...


IT'S TOO LATE TO EVEN LISTEN TO YOUR FEELINGS !!

I JUST ...

LIKE I CARE ...!!!!



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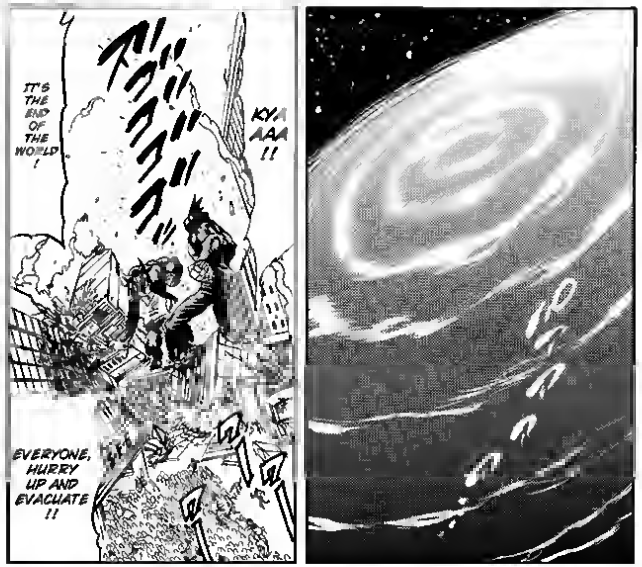
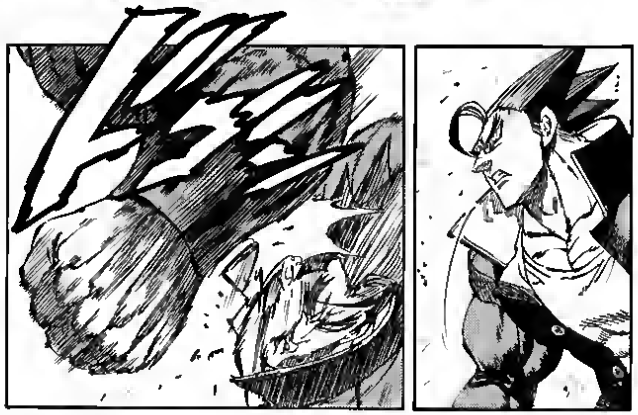

IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD !
KYAAAA !!
EVERYONE, HURRY UP AND EVACUATE !!

THIS IS THE BIGGEST SIBLING FIGHT EVER, DERO !!
SO IT HAS FINALLY BEGUN... THE FIGHT BETWEEN KONGOU BANCHOU AND NIPPON BANCHOU ...!!



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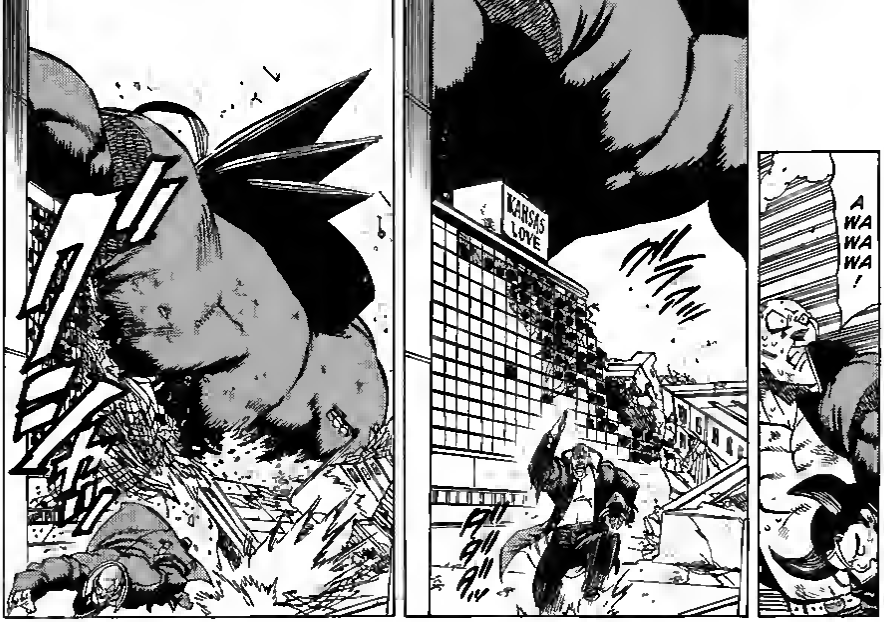

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THE ... THE SCALE IS TOO BIG!
HIEE EEEE ...
AAAH!
GOOD LUCK, KONGOU BANCHOU!
ARE IAI BANCHOU AND THE REST ALRIGHT?

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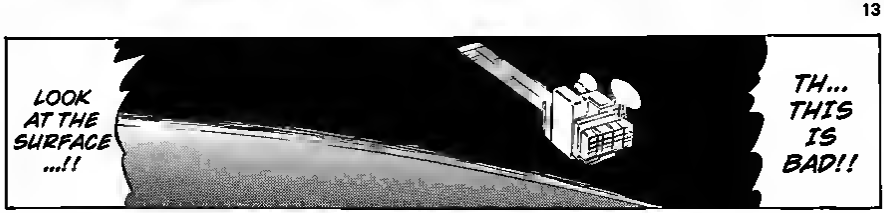
LOOK AT THE SURFACE ...!!
TH... THIS IS BAD!!

LAND-SLIDES ..NO .....
THE MOUN-TAINS THEM-SELVES ARE CRUM-BLING AWAY ...!!

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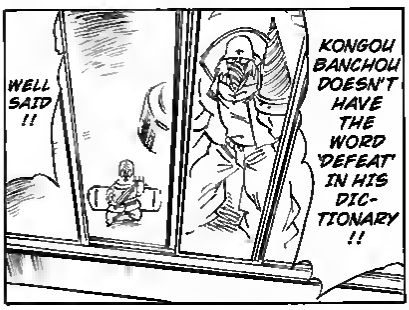
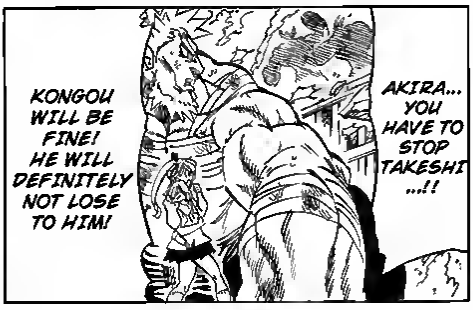
HUGE TSU-NAMIS —!!

JA... JAPAN IS BEGIN-NING TO SPLIT FROM THE CENTER !!

OOOOOOOHH!


WELL SAID !!
KONGOU BANCHOU DOESN'T HAVE THE WORD 'DEFEAT' IN HIS DIC-TIONARY !!


KONGOU WILL BE FINE! HE WILL DEFINITELY NOT LOSE TO HIM!
AKIRA... YOU HAVE TO STOP TAKESHI ...!!

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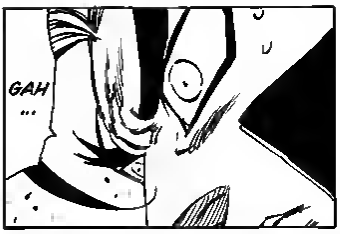

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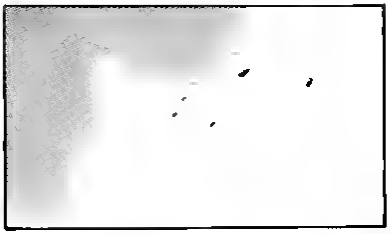

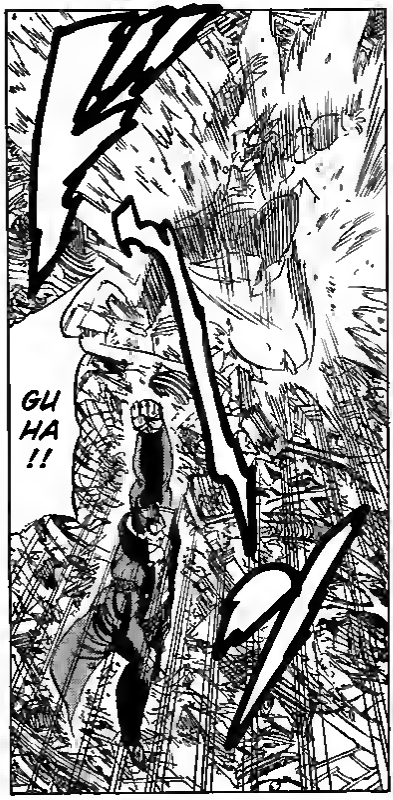

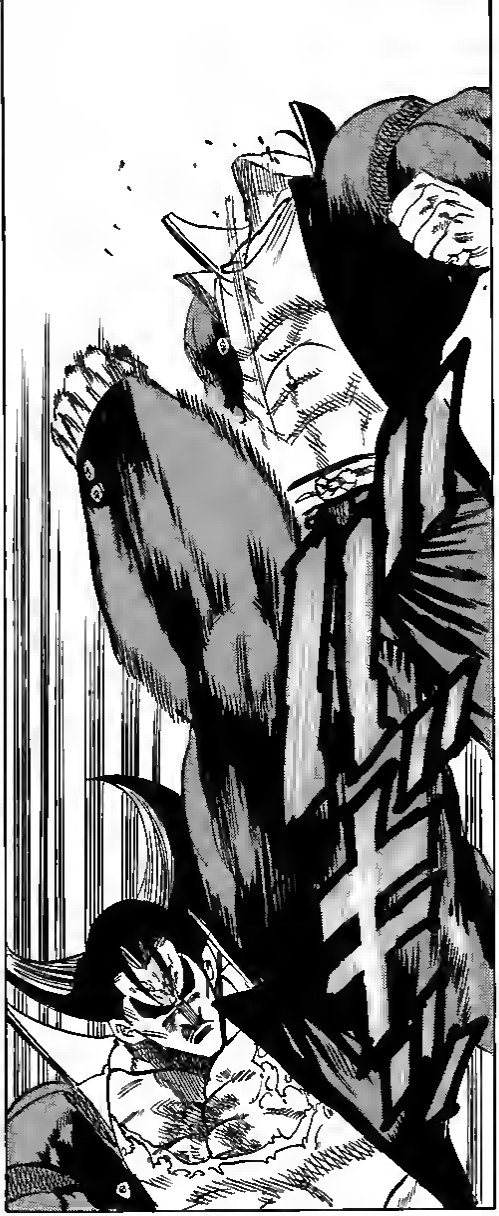

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HAVE I EVER LOST TO YOU?

COMEBACK SCANS

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WANT TO APPLY?
FOUND A MISTAKE?
SHOOT ME A MESSAGE AT
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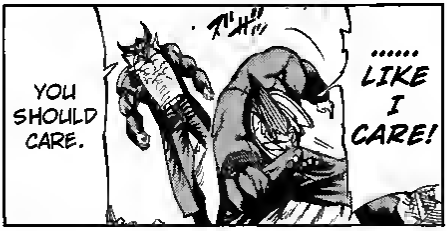
THIS GUY'S

DO YOU THINK THAT BIG BRO HAS ACTUALLY HIT YOU SERIOUSLY .....?
HAVE I EVER LOST TO YOU?

UOO OOH !!


YOU SHOULD CARE.
..... LIKE I CARE!

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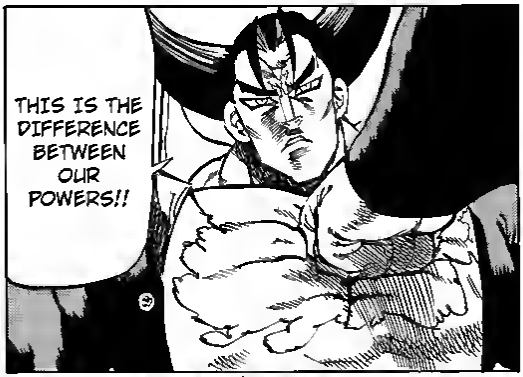
THIS IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR POWERS!!

STRIKE 111 !!
KONGOU AKIRA VS KONGOU TAKESHI

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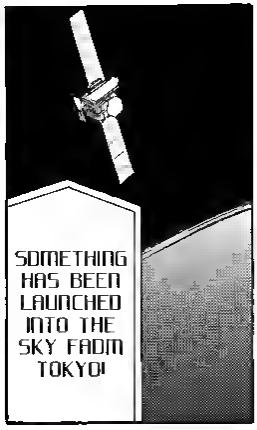
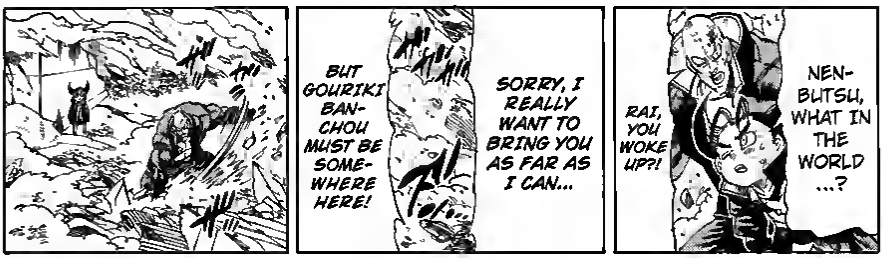
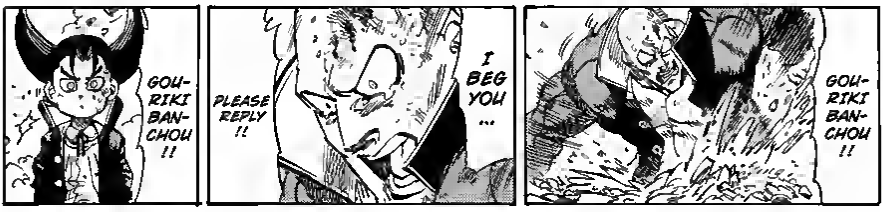


※A SPEED OF 7.9KM PER SECOND IS REQUIRED TO LAUNCH A MAN-MADE SATELLITE INTO ORBIT

WH- WH- WH- WHAT WAS THAT?! DID A NUCLEAR BOMB JUST FALL?!
DOO OOO OHH !!


NEN-BUTSU, WHAT IN THE WORLD ...?
RAI, YOU WOKE UP?!
SORRY, I REALLY WANT TO BRING YOU AS FAR AS I CAN...
BUT GOURIKI BAN-CHOU MUST BE SOME-WHERE HERE!


GOU-RIKI BAN-CHOU !!
PLEASE REPLY !!
I BEG YOU ...
GOU-RIKI BAN-CHOU !!

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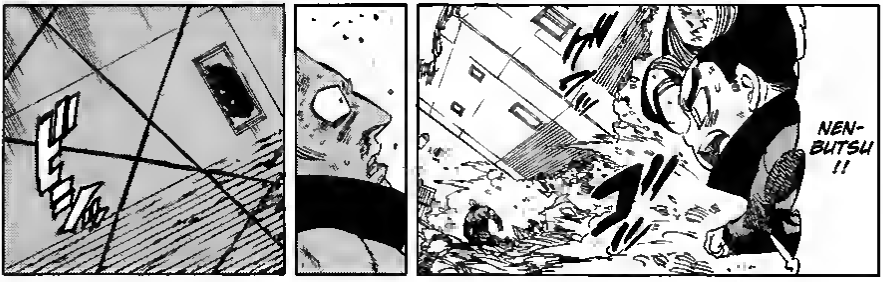
NEN-BUTSU !!

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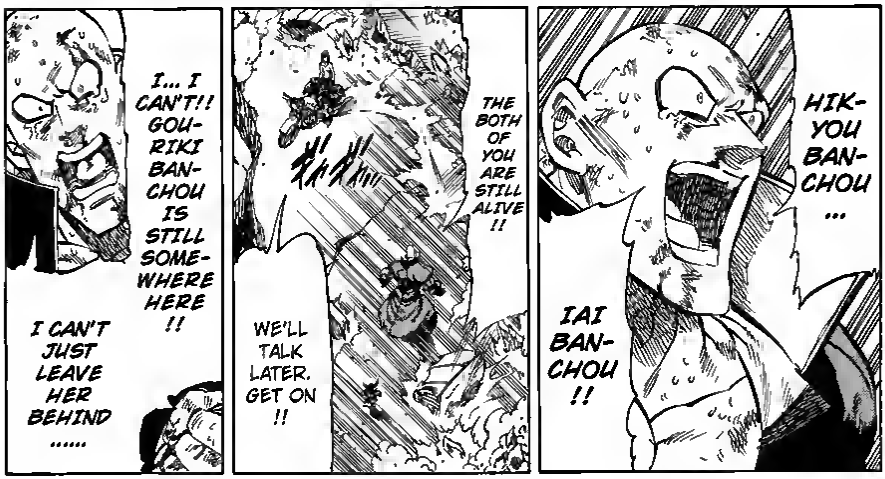
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GET ON
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I... I
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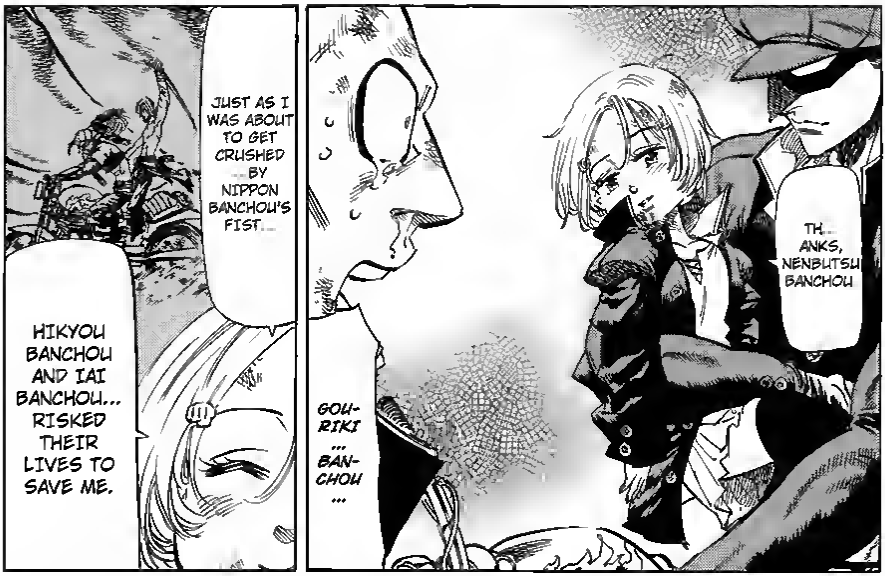
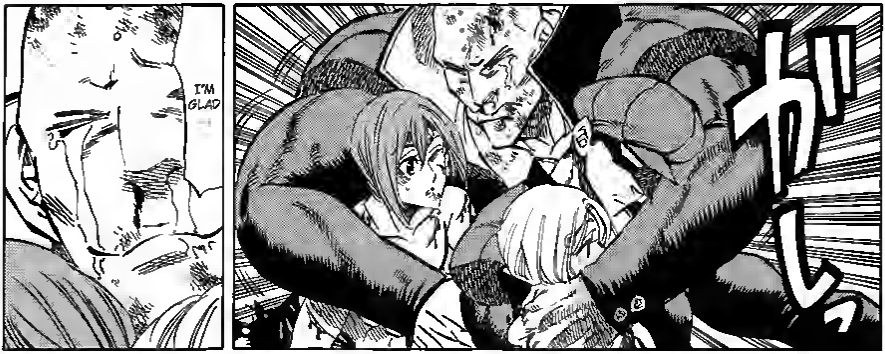

JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO GET CRUSHED BY NIPPON BANCHOU'S FIST...
HIKYOU BANCHOU AND IAI BANCHOU... RISKED THEIR LIVES TO SAVE ME.
GOU-RIKI ... BAN-CHOU ...
TH... ANKS, NENBUTSU BANCHOU


I'M GLAD...
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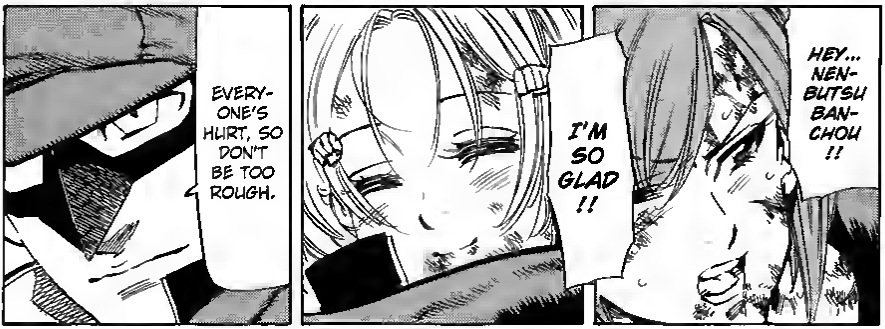
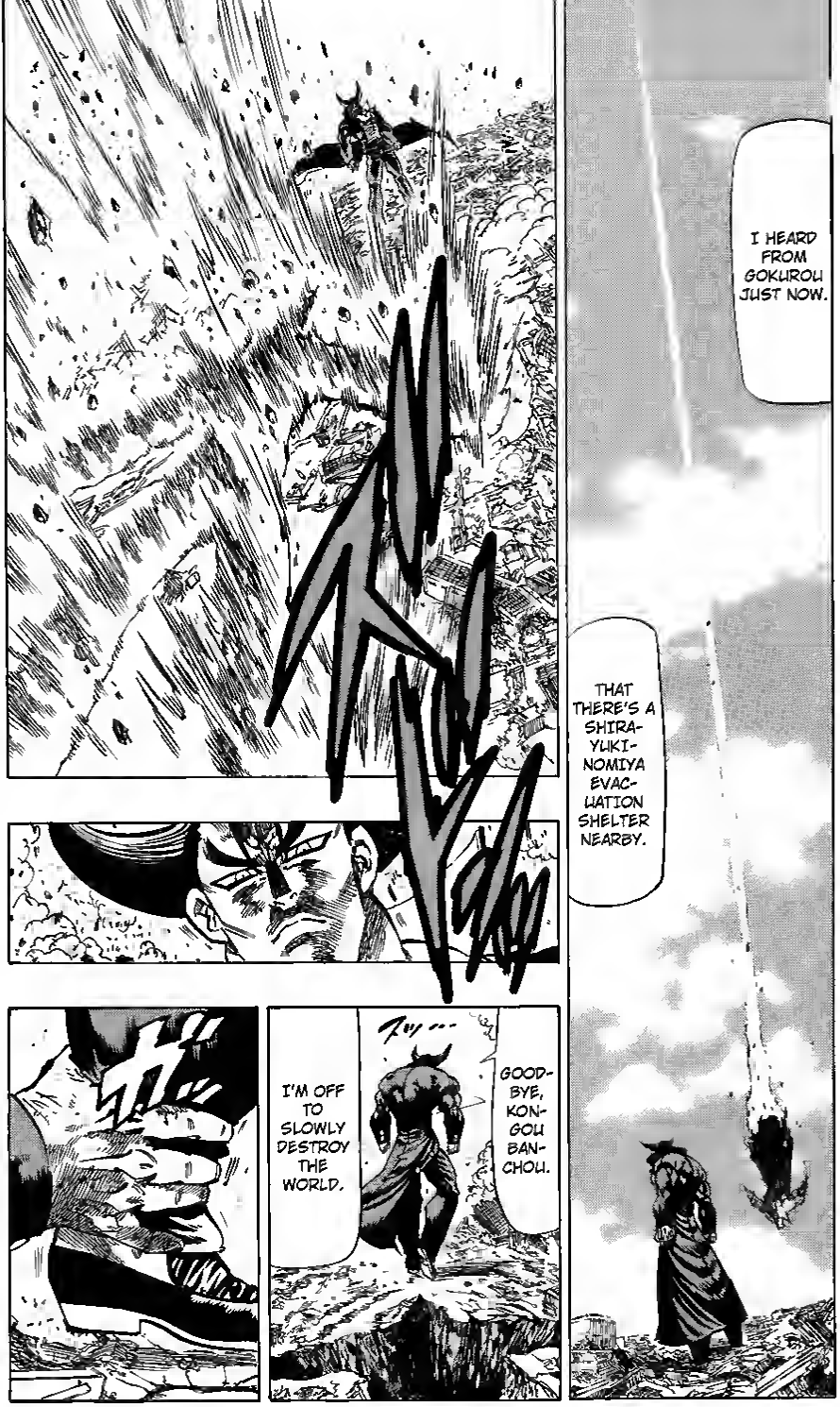

EVERY-ONE'S HURT, SO DON'T BE TOO ROUGH.
I'M SO GLAD !!
HEY... NEN-BUTSU BAN-CHOU !!


I HEARD FROM GOKUROU JUST NOW.
THAT THERE'S A SHIRA-YUKI-NOMIYA EVAC-UATION SHELTER NEARBY.
GOOD-BYE, KON-GOU BAN-CHOU.
I'M OFF TO SLOWLY DESTROY THE WORLD.

I DON'T UNDER-STAND
I WON'T ... LET YOU.
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WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO PROTECT THIS ROTTEN WORLD?!!

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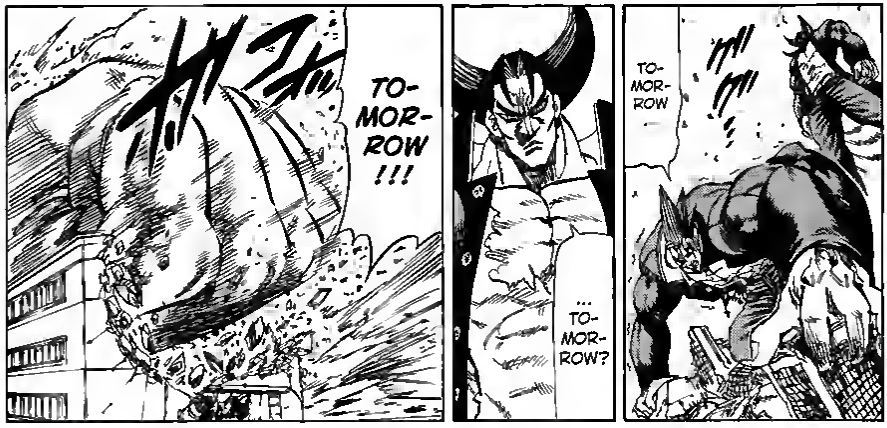

DOUBLE HAMMER!!!!

HOW IS A GUY WHO'S GOING TO DIE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT TOMORROW?
HAH
HAA

NOW IT'S JUST GETTING HARDER AND HARDER TO UNDERSTAND.

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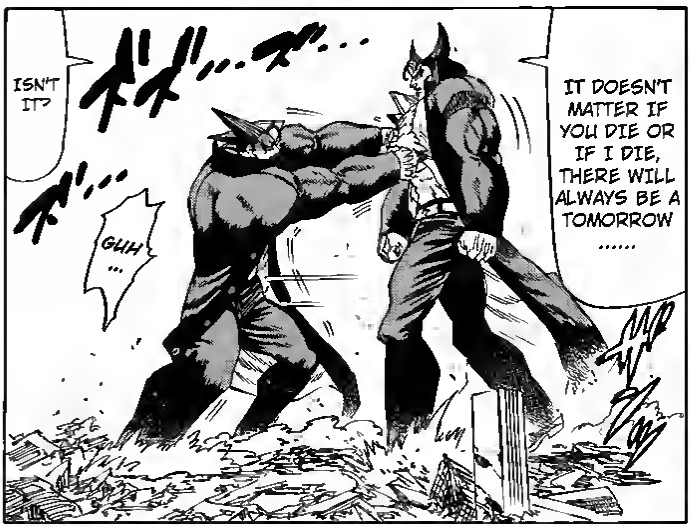
ISN'T IT?
GUH...
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU DIE OR IF I DIE, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A TOMORROW .....

TAP

GA HAA ... GAH !!

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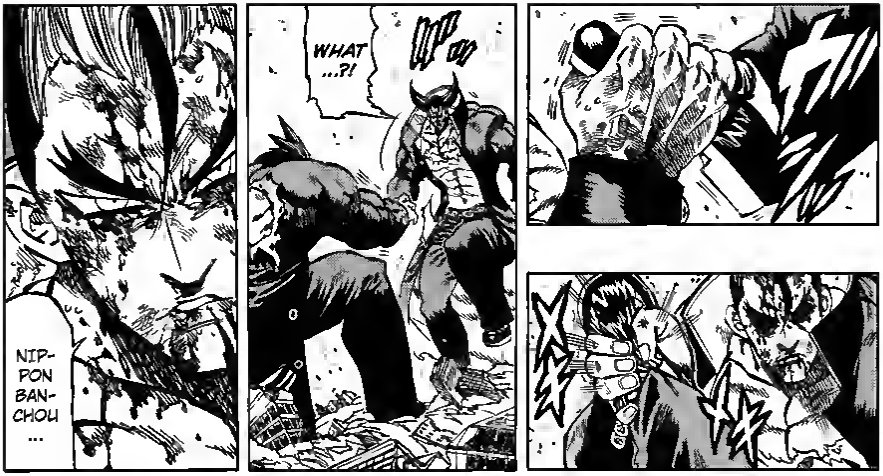
WELL? WHAT'S WRONG? GO ON AND PROTECT TOMOR-ROW!
BA HAA !!
YOU DON'T ... KNOW ANY-THING ...
I DON'T WANT TO PRO-TECT TOMOR-ROW ...
TOMOR-ROW ...

IT PUSHES ME TO MOVE FORWARD.
TOMORROW GIVES ME STRENGTH.


NIP-
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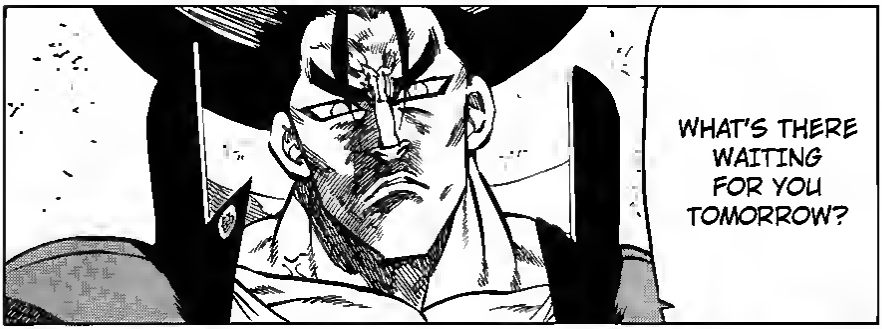
...
WHAT
...?!


WHAT'S THERE
WAITING
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TOMORROW
.....
WHAT'S THERE WAITING
FOR ME
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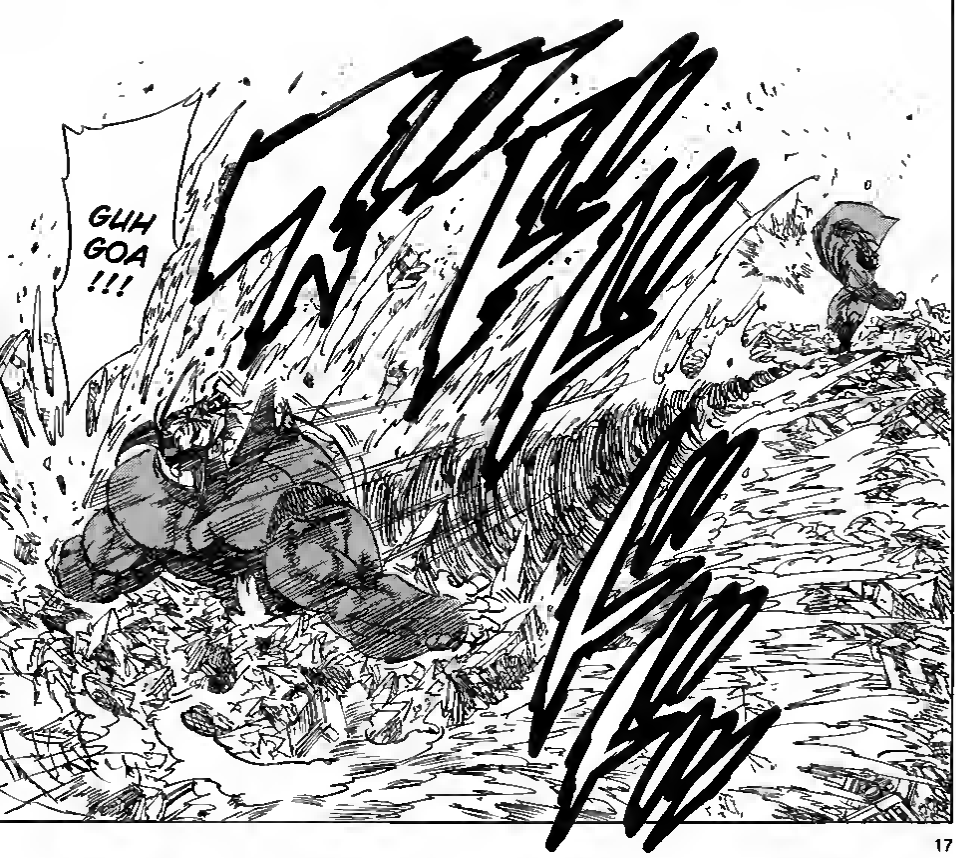

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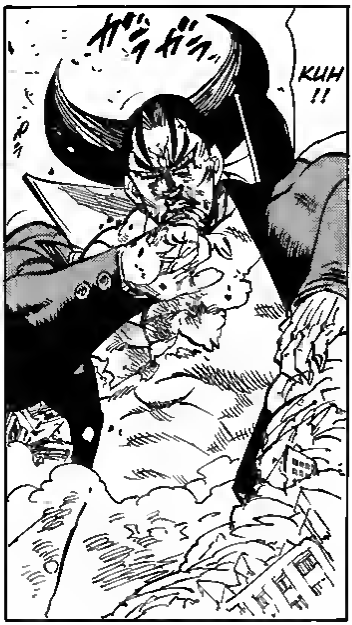

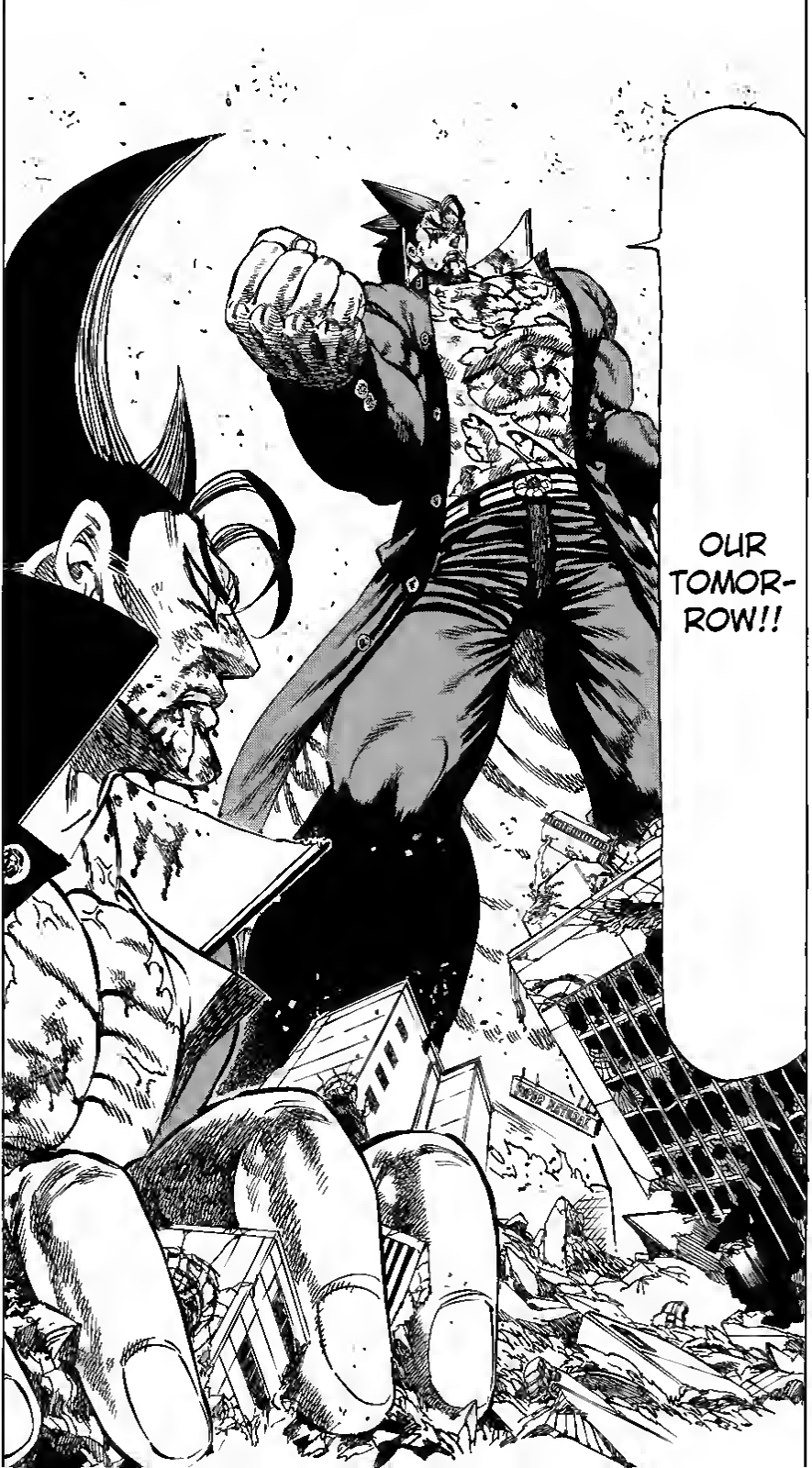
OUR TOMOR-ROW!!

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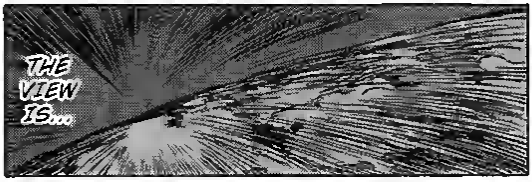
.....AT?

WHAT HAPPENED.....?


THE VIEW IS...

GETTING DARKER
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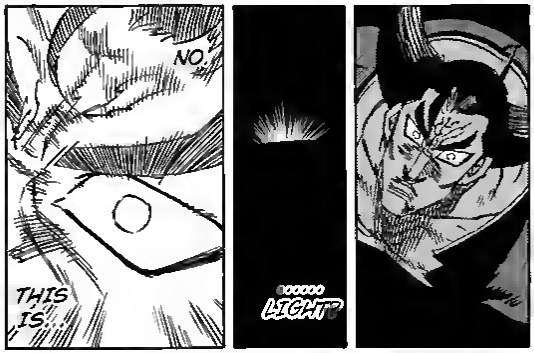
NO.
THIS IS...
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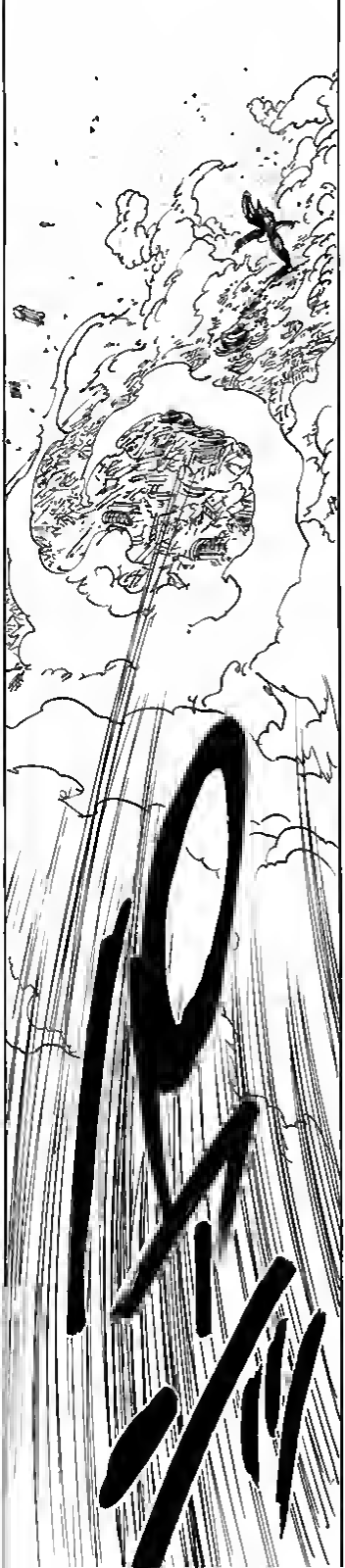
LIGHT?



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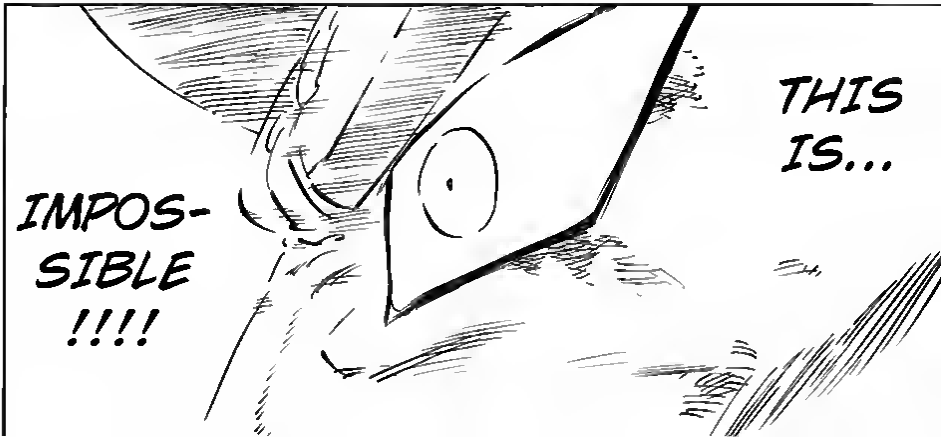

WHAT ON EARTH JUST HAP-PENED ..?!
DON'T WORRY! THIS SHELTER AS WELL AS THE OTHER SHIRA-YUKINOMIYA EVACUATION SHELTERS CAN EVEN WITHSTAND A NUCLEAR BOMB!!
KYA AAA AA !!
WE'RE GOING TO DIE !!

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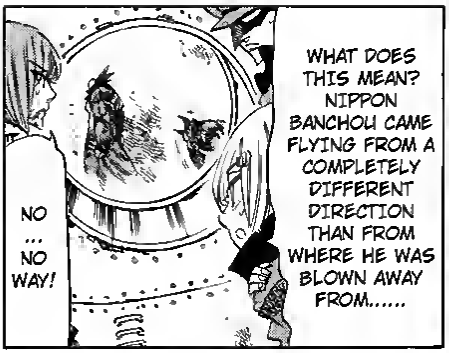
HOW DID THIS HAP-PEN ...?
GA HAA ...
.....UGH

WHY AM I LOOKING AT KONGOU BANCHOU'S BACK?!!


NO ... NO WAY!
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? NIPPON BANCHOU CAME FLYING FROM A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT DIRECTION THAN FROM WHERE HE WAS BLOWN AWAY FROM.....

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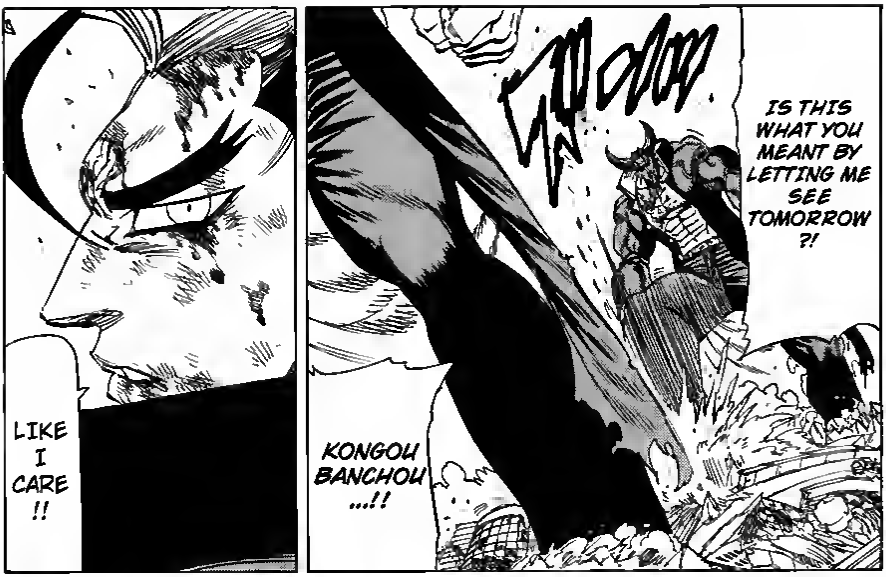
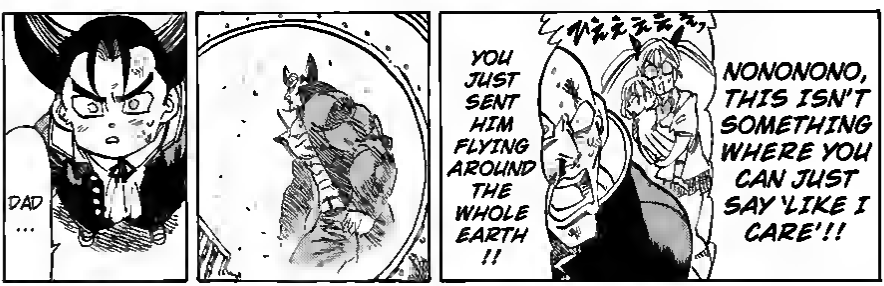
YOU'VE ... GOT TO BE KIDDING !!

I WENT AROUND THE WHOLE WORLD ONCE!!


LIKE I CARE !!
KONGOU BANCHOU ...!!
IS THIS WHAT YOU MEANT BY LETTING ME SEE TOMORROW ?!


DAD ...
YOU JUST SENT HIM FLYING AROUND THE WHOLE EARTH !!
NONONONO, THIS ISN'T SOMETHING WHERE YOU CAN JUST SAY 'LIKE I CARE'!!

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I NEVER THOUGHT THAT YOU COULD STEP INTO MY TERRITORY.
FU... BUT I'LL ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR POWER.

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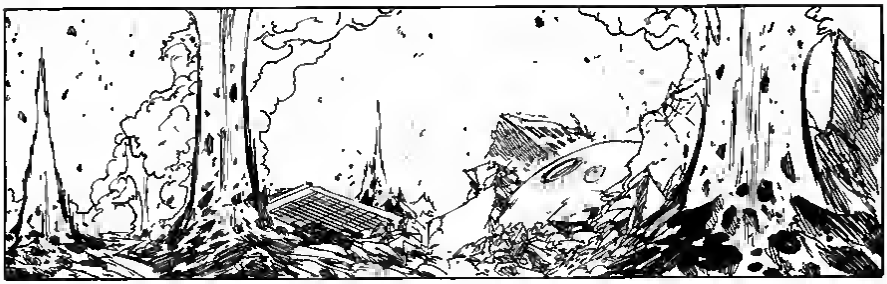
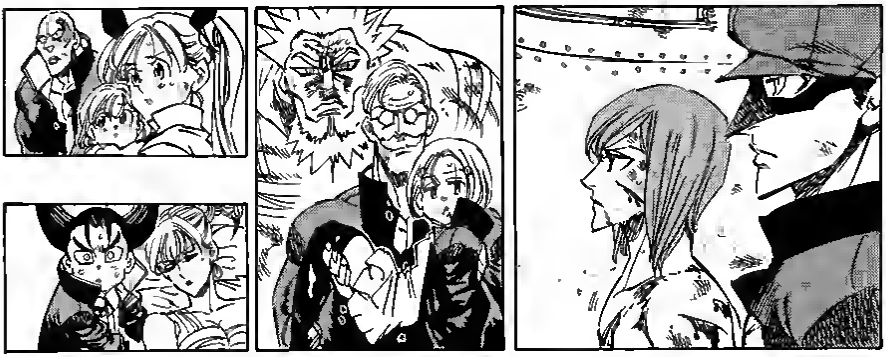
THAT'S WHY ONE OF US HAS TO DISAPPEAR.

IT LOOKS LIKE THIS STAR ISN'T ABLE TO COPE WITH US EVOLVED KONGOU ...





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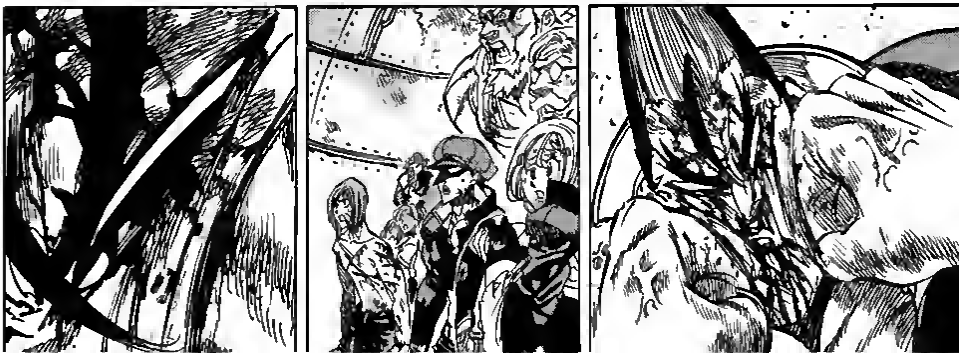
MONSTER SHOULDER !!!

WILD TRAILER !!!

GOLDEN CLAW!!!

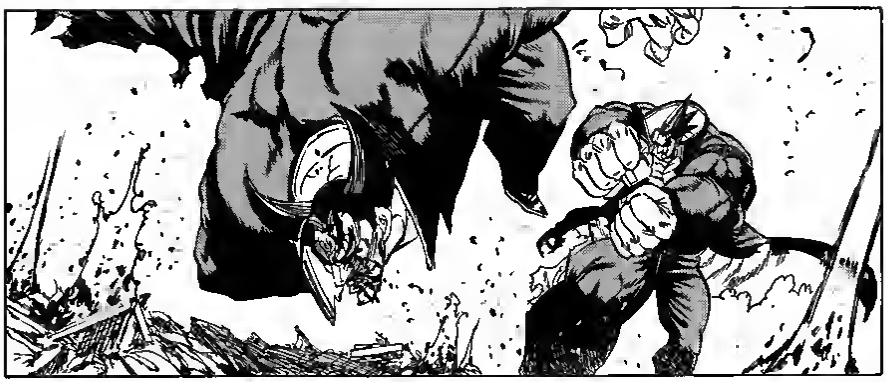
HELL
BOUND
!!

DOUBLE
HAMMER
!!!!



AKIRA.
YOU'VE BECOME STRONG-ER...

DOUBLE HAMMER!!!!



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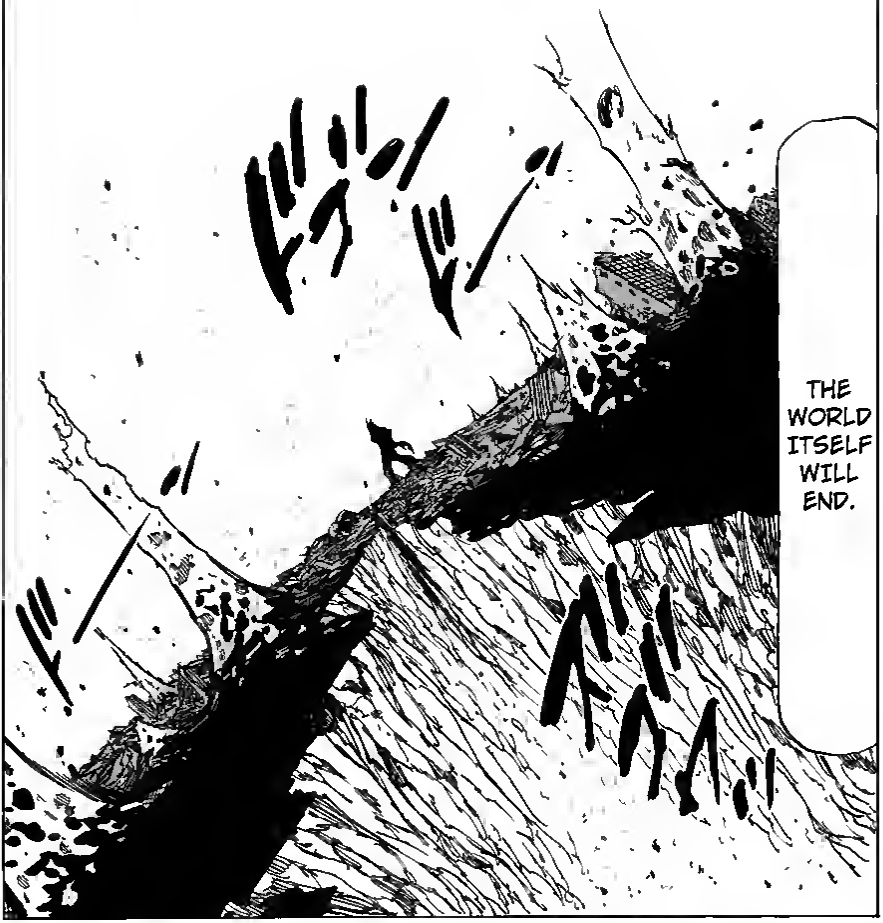
THE WORLD ITSELF WILL END.

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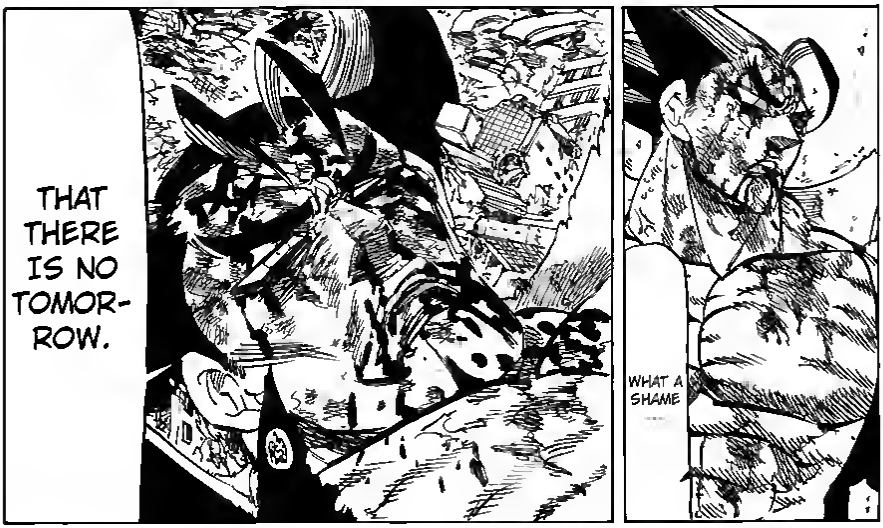
THAT THERE IS NO TOMOR-ROW.
WHAT A SHAME

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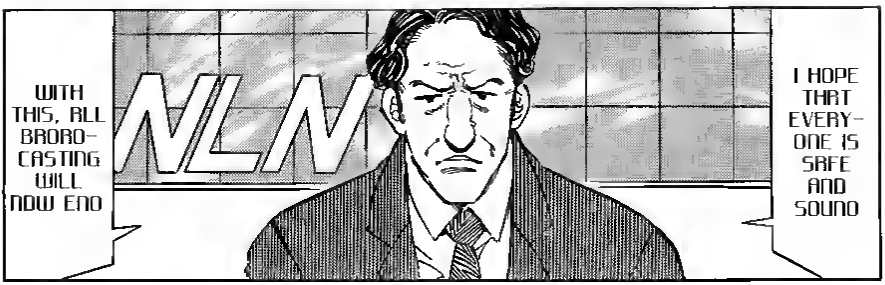
STRIKE 113 !!

FAREWELL, KONGOU BANCHOU!!

A FIERCE BATTLE BETWEEN TWO BANCHOU CAUSED SEVERE DAMAGE TO THE EARTH!
REPORTS OF HUGE HURRICANES, TSUNAMIS, EARTHQUAKES AND THE ERUPTION OF ACTIVE VOLCANOS ARE FLOODING IN!!
EARTH MANKIND IS NOW FACING AN UNPRECEDENTED CRISIS!!
THERE IS NO TOMORROW ...!!


WITH THIS, ALL BROADCASTING WILL NOW END
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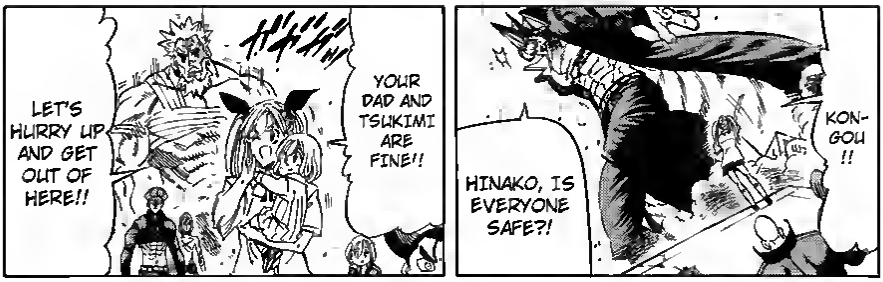
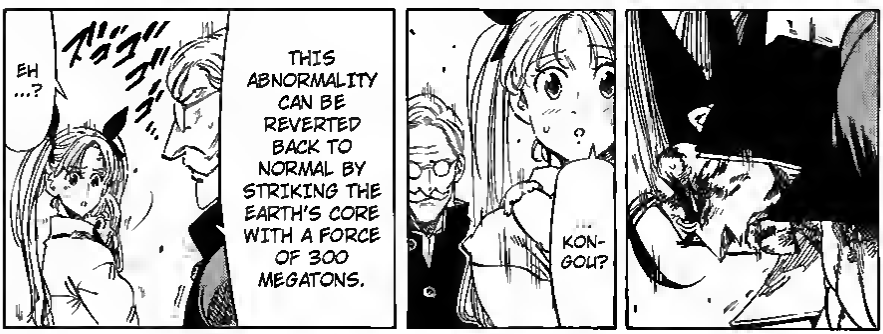
I HOPE THAT EVERYONE IS SAFE AND SOUND

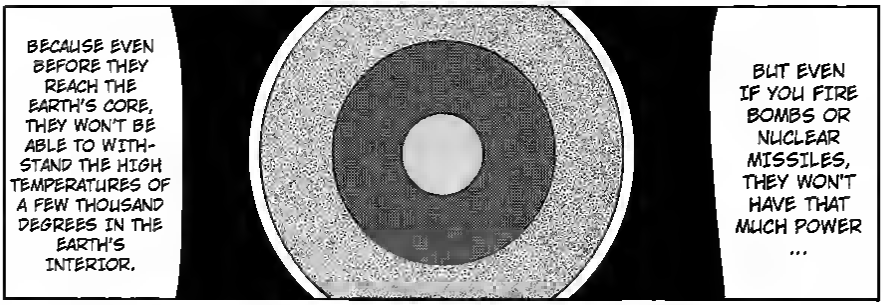
THE CLASH OF OUR POWERS IS CAUING AN ABNORMAL CHANGE IN THE EARTH'S CORE...

GOD HAS FOR-SAKEN ALL OF US...!!
OHH ... GOD !!
UWAAA AAAHH!
HUR-RY!!
NOW I DON'T NEED TO CHASE AFTER THE DEADLINE ANYMORE ...!!
HE ... HE HE HE ...
DON'T GIVE UP, THERE'S SURE TO BE A WAY TO SURVIVE !!
IT'S NO USE... THIS IS THE END !!
SO... SO I DON'T WANT TO DIE!!
I SWEAR I'LL TURN OVER A NEW LEAF TOMOR-ROW!!

WHAT WILL YOU DO, AKIRA ...
IN ONE HOUR'S TIME, THIS STAR WILL EXPLODE AND BECOME ANOTHER SPECK OF DUST IN THE UNIVERSE.
I'LL DO THIS PROPERLY.


LET'S HURRY UP AND GET OUT OF HERE!!
YOUR DAD AND TSUKIMI ARE FINE!!
HINAKO, IS EVERYONE SAFE?!
KON-GOU !!


EH ...?
THIS ABNORMALITY CAN BE REVERTED BACK TO NORMAL BY STRIKING THE EARTH'S CORE WITH A FORCE OF 300 MEGATONS.
... KON-GOU?


BECAUSE EVEN BEFORE THEY REACH THE EARTH'S CORE, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO WITH-STAND THE HIGH TEMPERATURES OF A FEW THOUSAND DEGREES IN THE EARTH'S INTERIOR.
BUT EVEN IF YOU FIRE BOMBS OR NUCLEAR MISSILES, THEY WON'T HAVE THAT MUCH POWER ...

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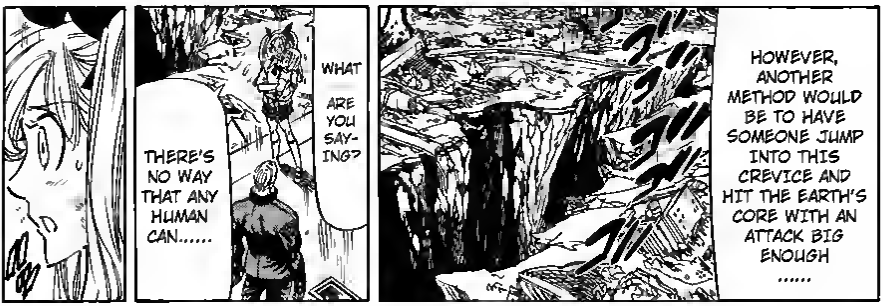
WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?
THERE'S NO WAY THAT ANY HUMAN CAN.....
HOWEVER, ANOTHER METHOD WOULD BE TO HAVE SOMEONE JUMP INTO THIS CREVICE AND HIT THE EARTH'S CORE WITH AN ATTACK BIG ENOUGH .....

I WILL GO.
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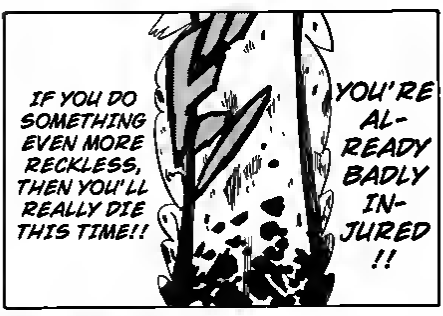
IF YOU DO SOMETHING EVEN MORE RECKLESS, THEN YOU'LL REALLY DIE THIS TIME!!
YOU'RE ALREADY BADLY INJURED!!

DON'T, KONGOU!!
NO!!

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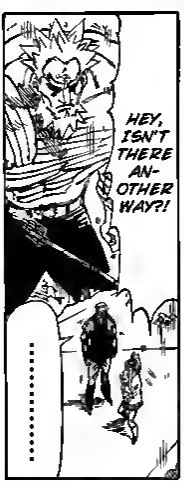
TELLING HIM TO GO INTO THE EARTH ALL ALONE?!
SO YOU ARE JUST ASKING KONGOU TO GO AND DIE?!


HEY, ISN'T THERE ANOTHER WAY?!
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ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE!!
HINAKO, I'LL COME BACK FOR SURE!!

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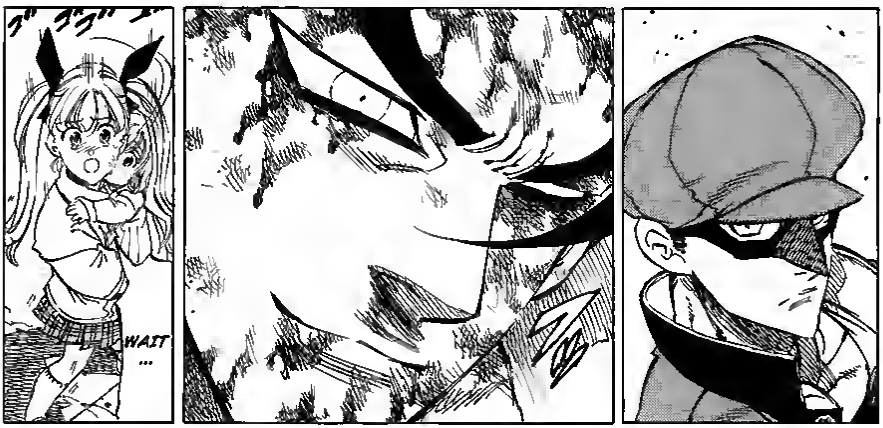
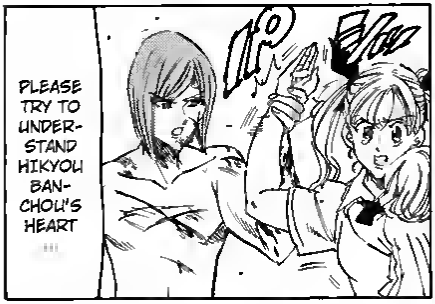
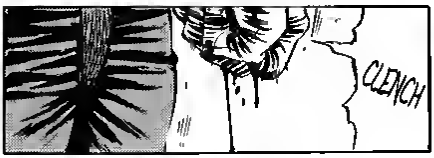


AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A FRIEND ...?!
YOU'RE THE LOWEST !!


PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND HIKYOU BANCHOU'S HEART

IT'S EASY TO STAY SILENT, BUT HE TOOK UP THE THANKLESS ROLE OF ENTRUSTING EVERYTHING TO KONGOU BANCHOU!
IN THIS WORST CASE SCENARIO, NO ONE OTHER THAN KONGOU BANCHOU CAN DO IT!!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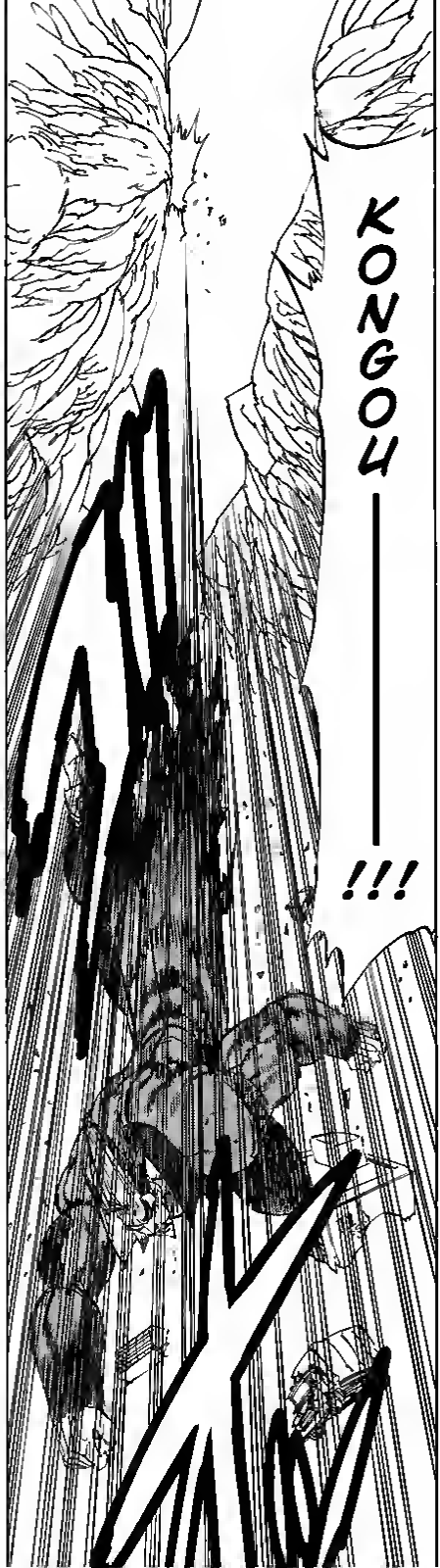
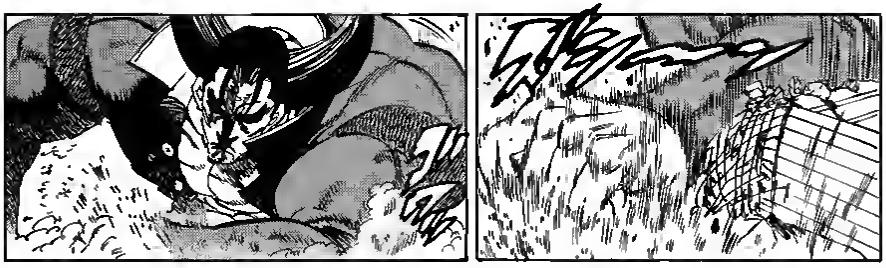

KONGOU ——!!!



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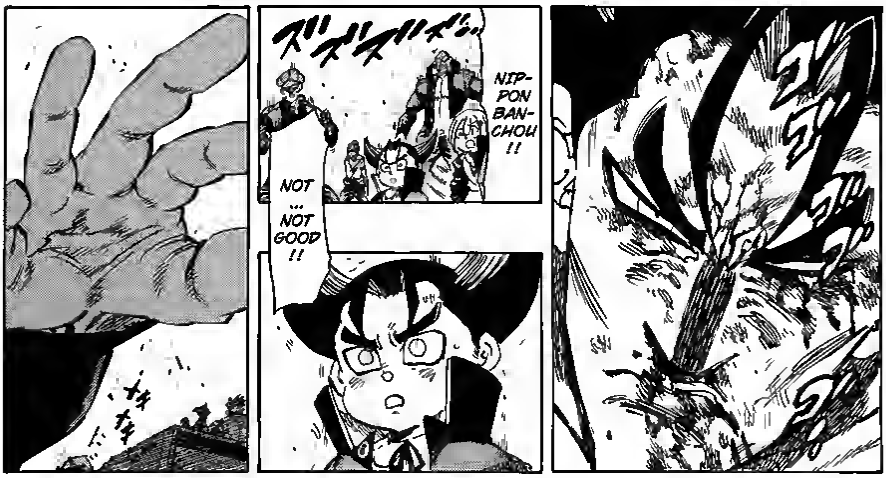

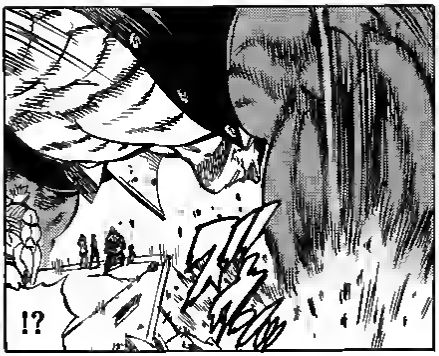

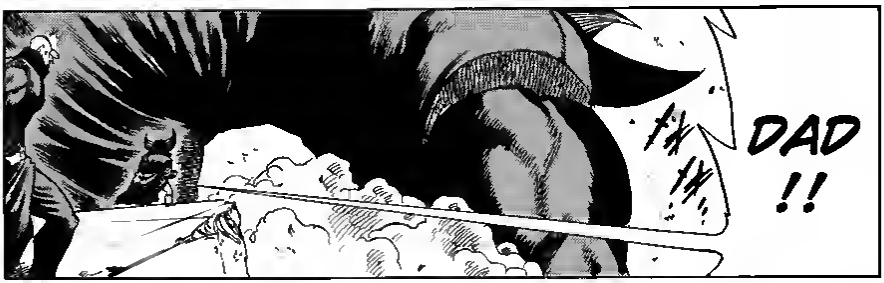

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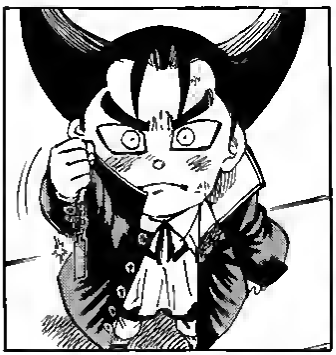

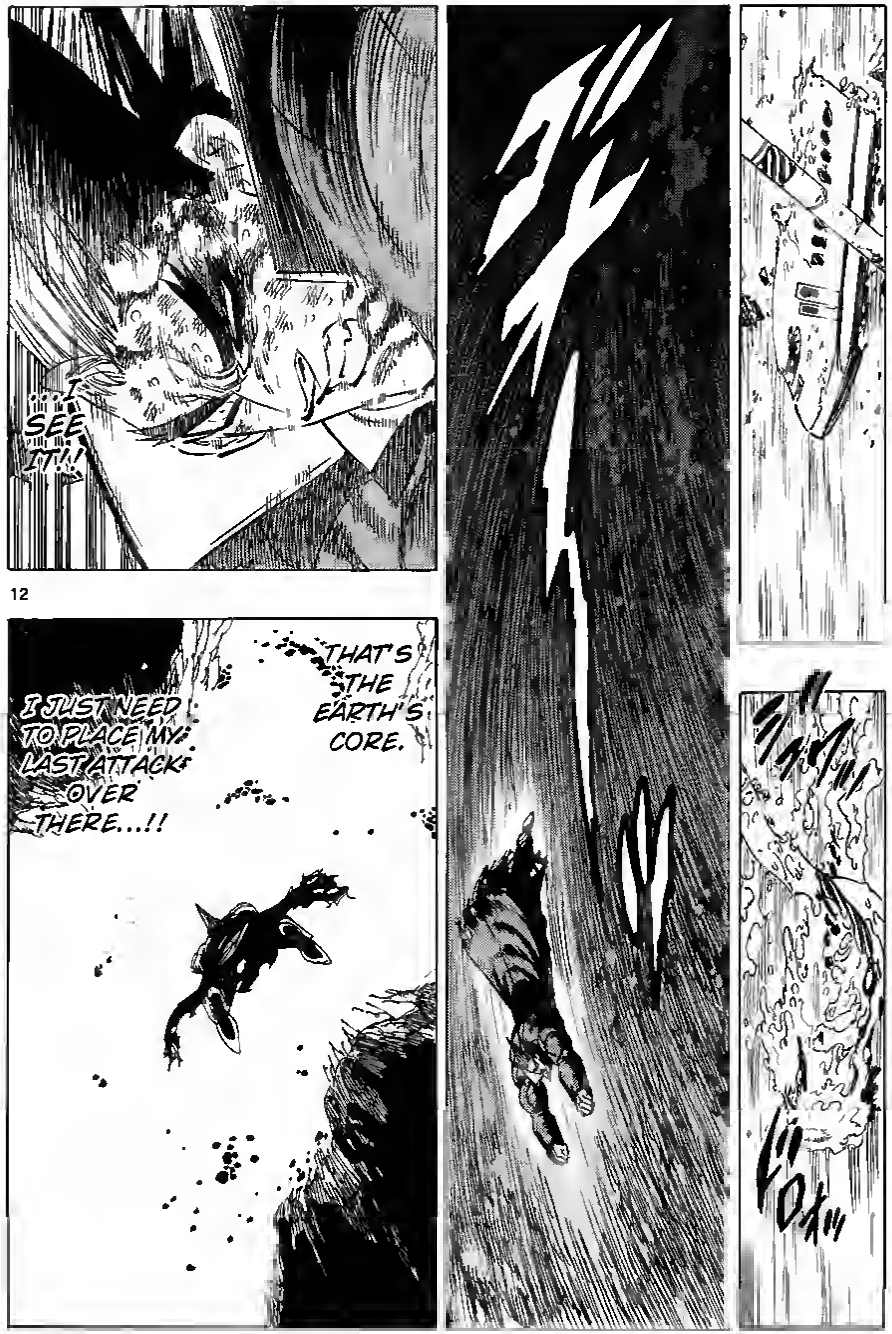
I... SEE IT!!
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I JUST NEED TO PLACE MY LAST ATTACK OVER THERE...!!
THAT'S THE EARTH'S CORE.

EVEN IF MY BODY IS BURNT TO ASHES!!
I MUST PROTECT EVERY-ONE.....
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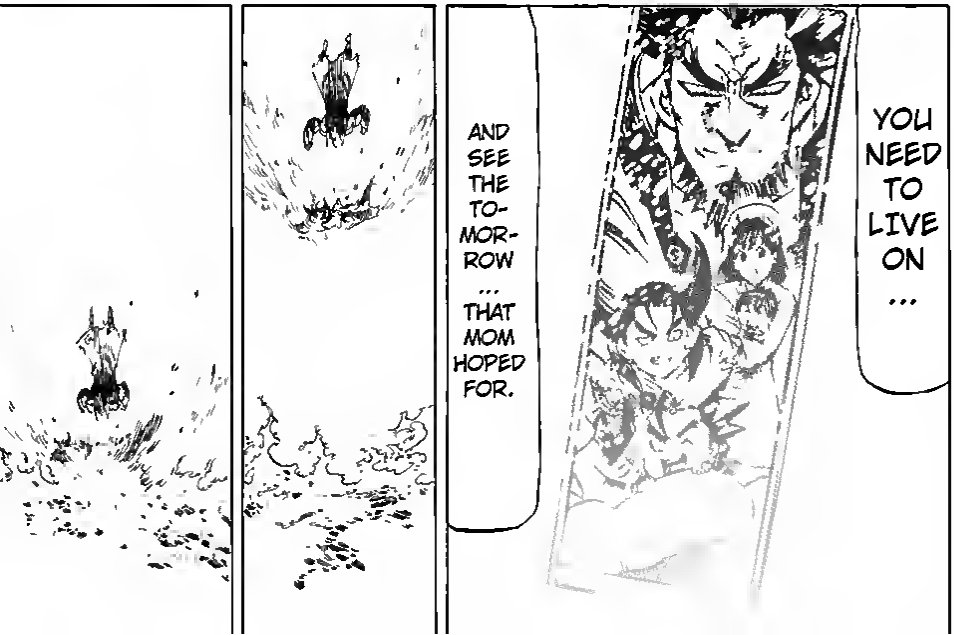
!!!
THE HOT AIR STOPPED...?

BIG BRO !!
DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF !!
I WILL BE YOUR SHIELD
THE MOMENT MY BODY STARTS TO BURN OUT, I WANT YOU TO HIT ME WITH YOUR STRONGEST DOUBLE HAMMER AND SEND ME INTO THE CORE!
GET OUT OF MY WAY!!
DO YOU WANT TO DIE ?!

AKIRA ...
THANKS TO YOU, I SAW TOMOR-ROW.
BIG ... BRO ...
DON'T CRY, AKIRA


YOU NEED TO LIVE ON ...
AND SEE THE TO-MOR-ROW ... THAT MOM HOPED FOR.

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DOUBLE HAMMER!!
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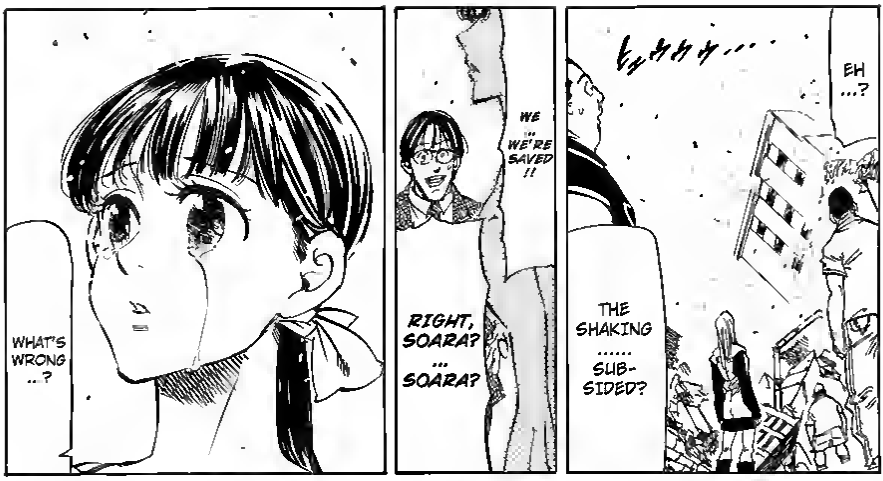
GOOD-BYE


WHAT'S WRONG ..?
WE ... WE'RE SAVED !!
RIGHT, SOARA? ... SOARA?
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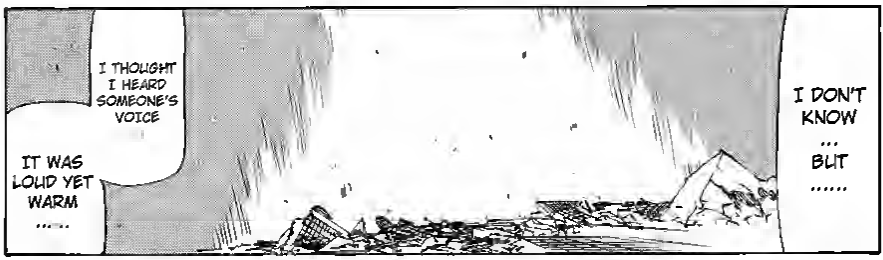
EH ...?
THE SHAKING ..... SUB-SIDED?


I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEONE'S VOICE
IT WAS LOUD YET WARM .....
I DON'T KNOW ... BUT .....

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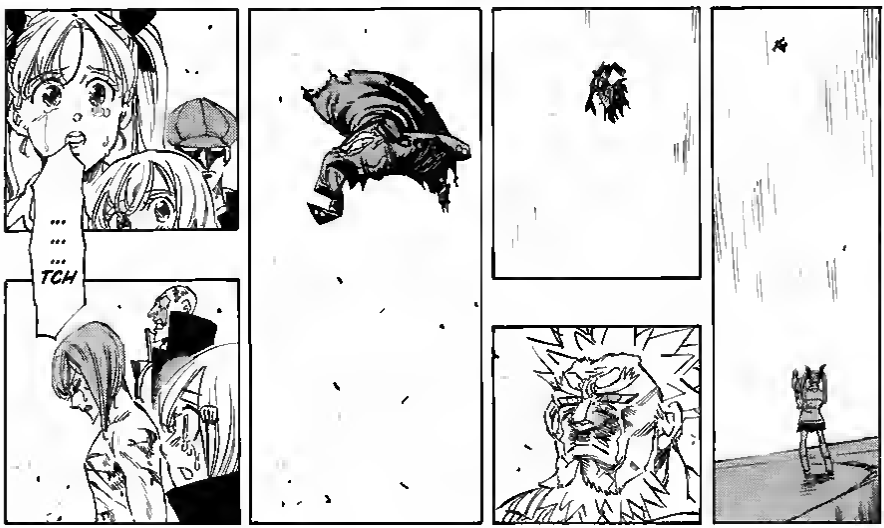
... ...
TCH

IF YOU'RE A MAN, DO WHAT YOU THINK IS RIGHT!
KATS-
LIKE I CARE!!
IN THE END YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE BRAT DOING NOTHING BUT TALKING ABOUT HIS DREAMS AND HOPING SOMEONE ELSE MAKES
YU!
LIKE I CARE!!
THAT
KONGOU SA
FLOOD IS
YEAH!!
NO, WE'RE JUST HERE TO STOP THE EXPLOSION
OH, THAT'S SIDE SOUND'S LIKE FUN.
LIKE I CARE!!

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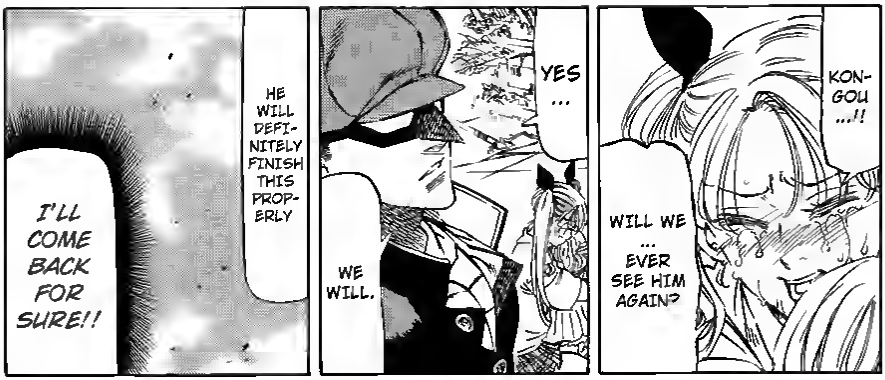
I'LL COME BACK FOR SURE!!
HE WILL DEFINITELY FINISH THIS PROPERLY
WE WILL.
YES ...
KONGOU ...!!
WILL WE ... EVER SEE HIM AGAIN?

THAT IS KONGOU BANCHOU !!

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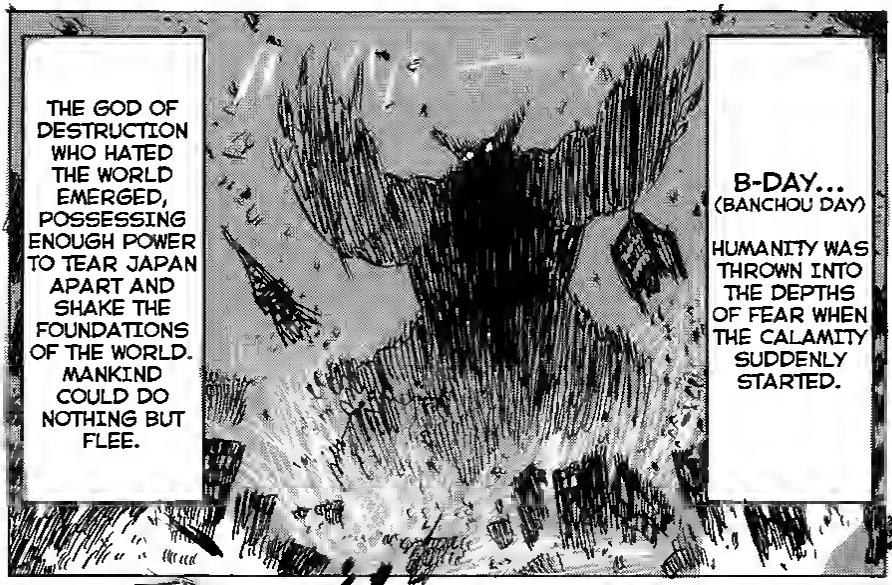
THE FINAL STRIKE !!

...AND FIVE YEARS LATER


THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION WHO HATED THE WORLD EMERGED, POSSESSING ENOUGH POWER TO TEAR JAPAN APART AND SHAKE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE WORLD. MANKIND COULD DO NOTHING BUT FLEE.
B-DAY... (BANCHOU DAY)
HUMANITY WAS THROWN INTO THE DEPTHS OF FEAR WHEN THE CALAMITY SUDDENLY STARTED.

THEN A MAN APPEARED!!

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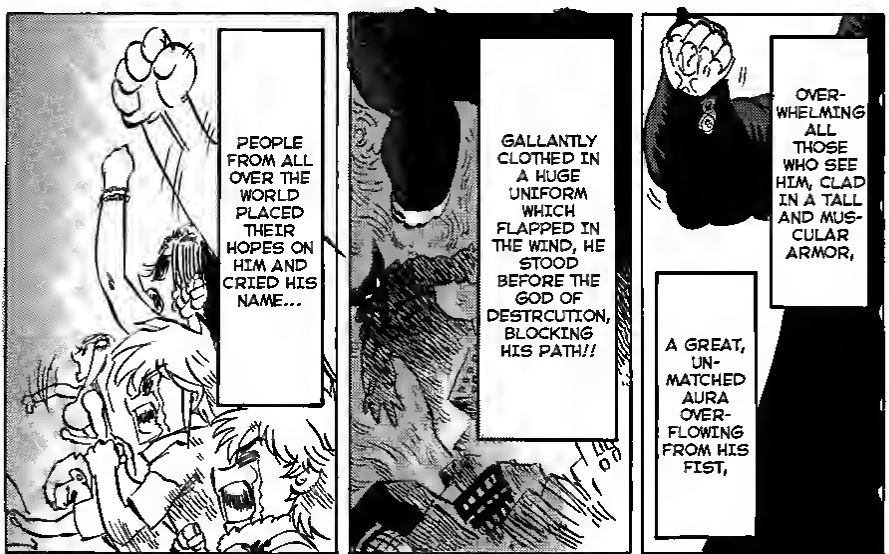
PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD PLACED THEIR HOPES ON HIM AND CRIED HIS NAME...
GALLANTLY CLOTHED IN A HUGE UNIFORM WHICH FLAPPED IN THE WIND, HE STOOD BEFORE THE GOD OF DESTRCUTION, BLOCKING HIS PATH!!
OVER-WHELMING ALL THOSE WHO SEE HIM, CLAD IN A TALL AND MUS-CULAR ARMOR,
A GREAT, UN-MATCHED AURA OVER-FLOWING FROM HIS FIST,

RE-JECTED !!
YOU !!
THE AFTERLIFE IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!
NEN-BUTSU BAN-CHOU !!!
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TH THAT TECH-NIQUE IS ..!!
AS EXPECTED OF NENBUTSU BANCHOU!!

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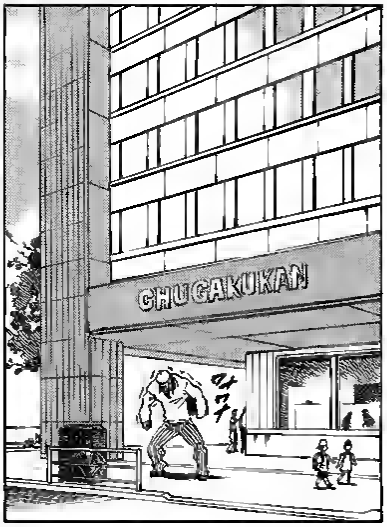
AND YOU'RE ALSO MAKING FUN OF THE EVENTS OF THAT DAY.
WHY IS HE CALLED NEN-BUTSU? THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH RELIGION
FIRSTLY, THIS NENBUTSU BANCHOU IS WAY TOO LAME, FROM HIS NAME TO HIS LOOKS!
WHAT'S HIS CATCH-PHRASE SUPPOSED TO MEAN ANYWAY
.....
I TOLD YOU TO DRAW 32 PAGES . INSTEAD YOU DREW 480 PAGES ...
THAT SCHOOL ROMANCE THE OTHER DAY WAS SO MUCH BETTER...
THE MONO-LOGUE IS WAY TOO LONG
THE MANUSCRIPT ITSELF IS INSANELY MESSY...

EH?
Carry On, Wayward



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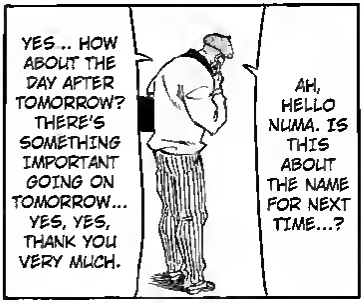
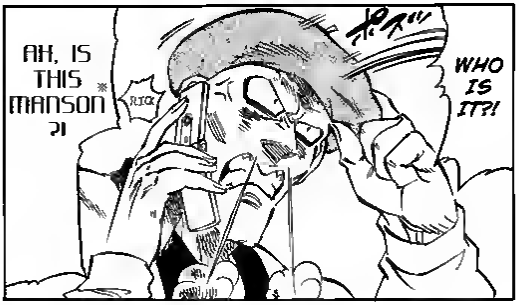
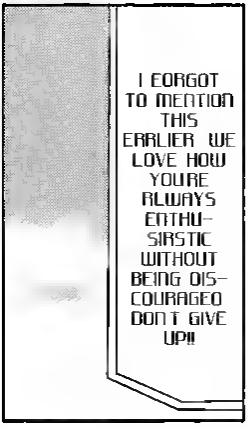
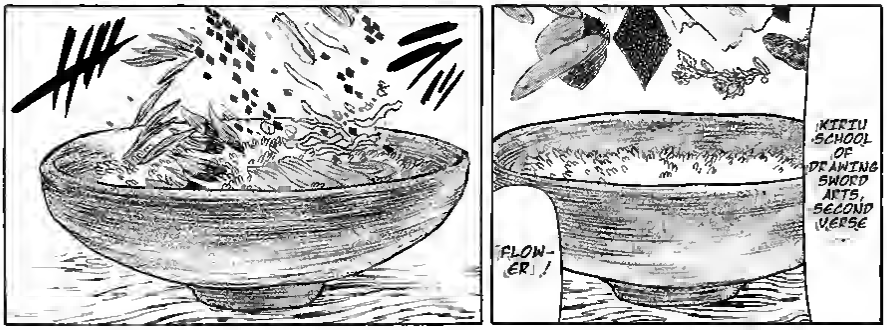

YES .. HOW ABOUT THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW? THERE'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT GOING ON TOMORROW... YES, YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
AH, HELLO NUMA. IS THIS ABOUT THE NAME FOR NEXT TIME...?



※ NENBUTSU BANCHOU'S PEN NAME.




FLOW-ER!
KIRIU SCHOOL OF DRAWING SWORD ARTS, SECOND VERSE

I'M DIG-GING IN!!
EAT UP.

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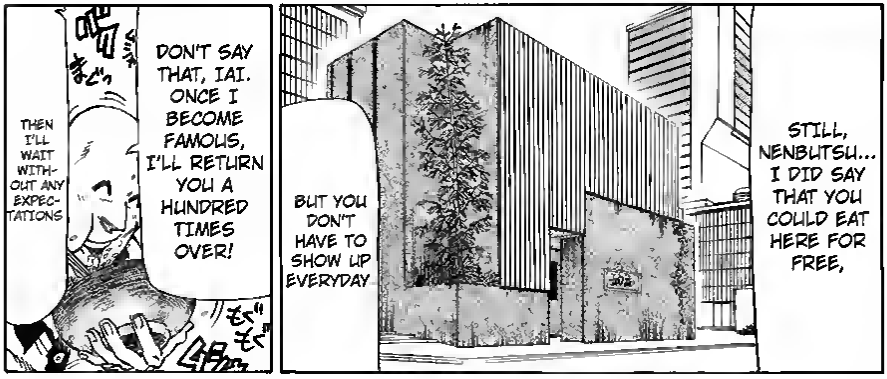
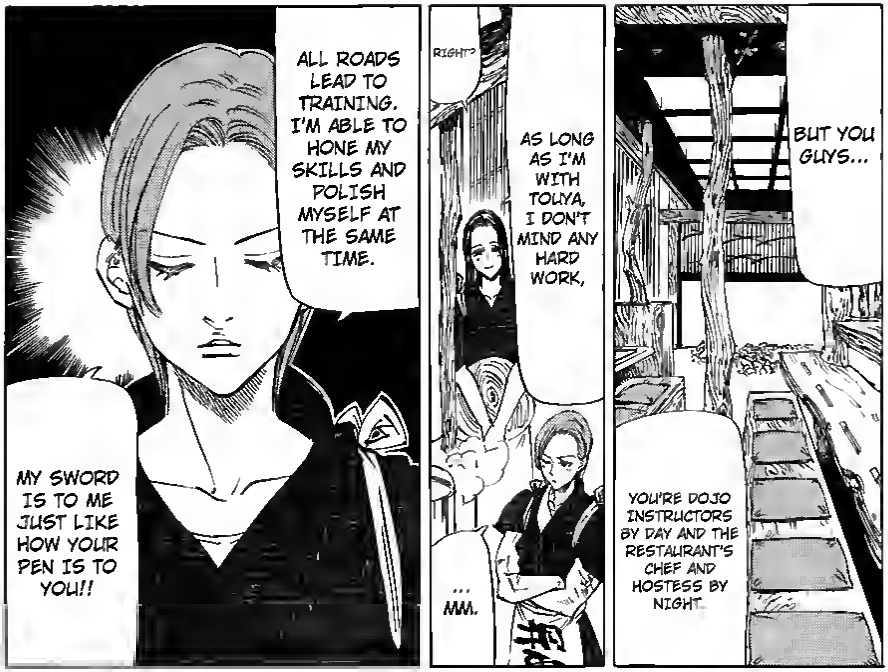

THEN I'LL WAIT WITH-OUT ANY EXPEC-TATIONS
DON'T SAY THAT, IAI. ONCE I BECOME FAMOUS, I'LL RETURN YOU A HUNDRED TIMES OVER!
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOW UP EVERYDAY
STILL, NENBUTSU... I DID SAY THAT YOU COULD EAT HERE FOR FREE,


ALL ROADS LEAD TO TRAINING. I'M ABLE TO HONE MY SKILLS AND POLISH MYSELF AT THE SAME TIME.
MY SWORD IS TO ME JUST LIKE HOW YOUR PEN IS TO YOU!!
RIGHT?
AS LONG AS I'M WITH TOLYA, I DON'T MIND ANY HARD WORK,
... MM.
BUT YOU GUYS...
YOU'RE DOJO INSTRUCTORS BY DAY AND THE RESTAURANT'S CHEF AND HOSTESS BY NIGHT.

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THANKS FOR THE MEAL!! YOU CAN PREACH TOMORROW
DO YOU UNDER-STAND, NENBUTSU ...

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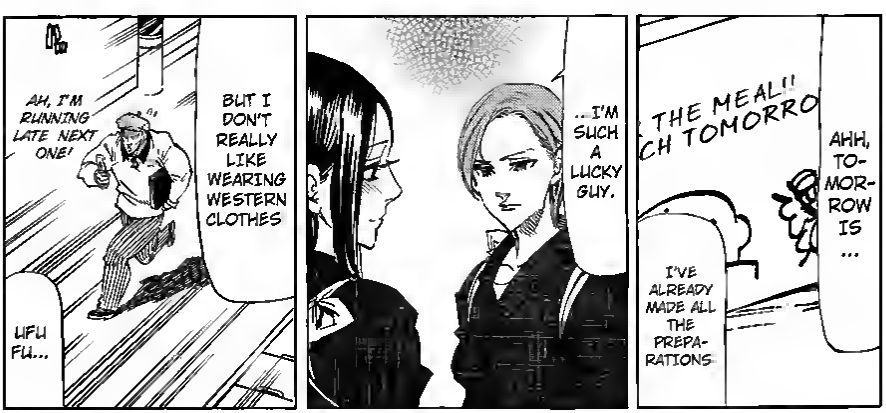
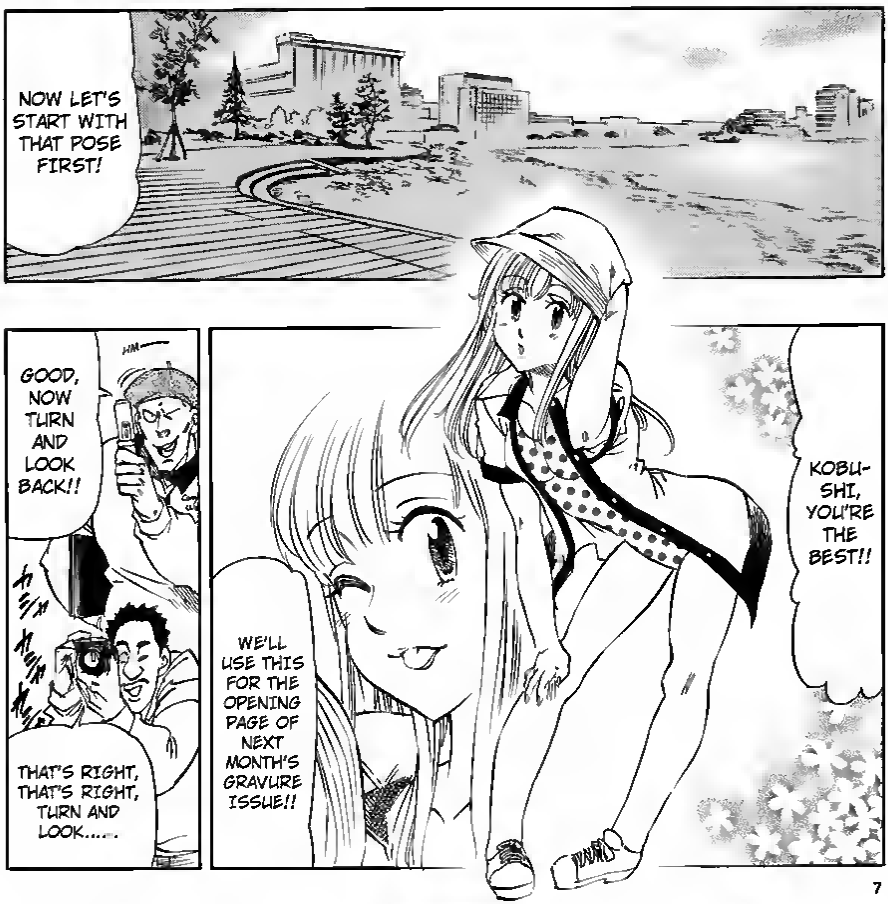

AH, I'M RUNNING LATE NEXT ONE!
BUT I DON'T REALLY LIKE WEARING WESTERN CLOTHES
UFU FU...
...I'M SUCH A LUCKY GUY.
THE MEAL!! CH TOMORRO
AHH, TO-MOR-ROW IS ...
I'VE ALREADY MADE ALL THE PREPA-RATIONS


NOW LET'S START WITH THAT POSE FIRST!
GOOD, NOW TURN AND LOOK BACK!!
HM—
THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT, TURN AND LOOK.....
WE'LL USE THIS FOR THE OPENING PAGE OF NEXT MONTH'S GRAVURE ISSUE!!
KOBU-SHI, YOU'RE THE BEST!!
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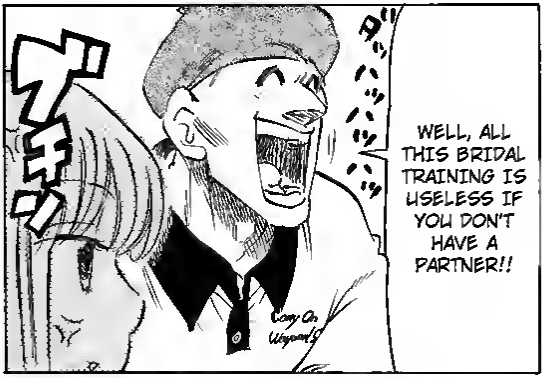
HEY!
IS IS THAT SO?
YES, EVEN THOUGH HE LOOKS LIKE THIS ...
ERM, HE REALLY IS MY FRIEND!!
EH?
THIS CRAZY, CREEPY, DISGUS-TING OTAKU?
SHE PROM-ISED TO LET ME TAKE PHOTOS AS MATE-RIAL FOR MY MANGA .....
WHO IS THIS? CHUCK HIM OUT!!
I...I'M HER FRIEND !!

I'M BOTH THE BODYGUARD AND MANAGER
THIS WILL TRAIN YOU TO BE AN ELEGANT WOMAN
AND KAIRIKI WAS THE ONE WHO HELPED ME TO APPLY AS A READER MODEL.
GOKUROU WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED ME TO DO IT, I GUESS HE THINKS A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY.

OH YEAH GOURIKI, I HEARD THAT YOUR BIG DEBUT IS ALREADY DECIDED !!
AND THAT YOU'LL BE STARRING WITH SORARA!!
WELL I BECAME A MODEL AS TRAINING TO BE A BRIDE. WHO KNEW THAT IT WOULD END UP LIKE THIS...

I GET FREE MATERIAL FROM YOU AND FREE MEALS FROM IAI ...
THIS IS WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR !!


WELL, ALL THIS BRIDAL TRAINING IS USELESS IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PARTNER!!

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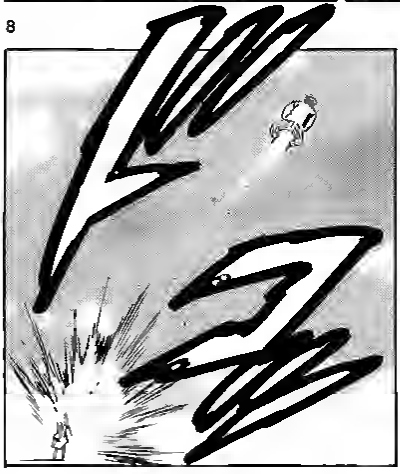
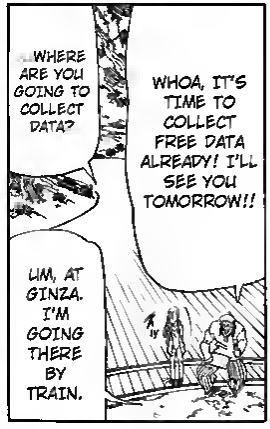
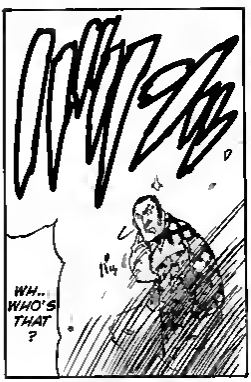
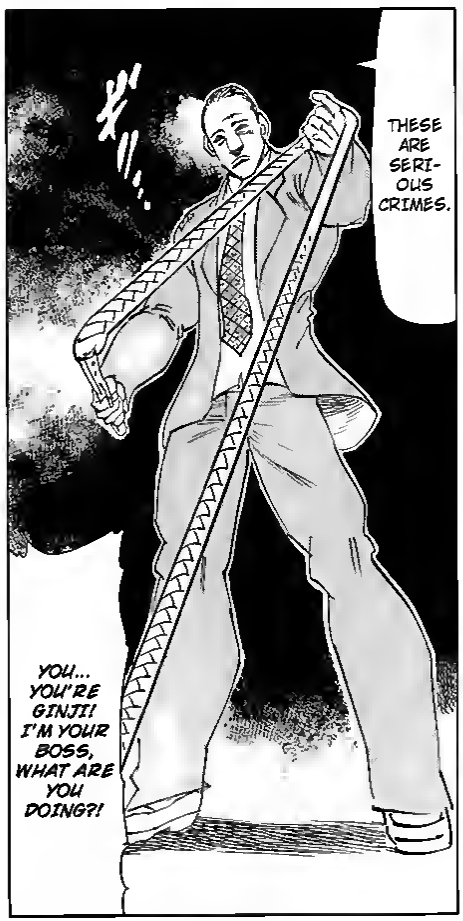


THEN, LET ME GIVE YOU A FREE RIDE THERE .....!!
RE-ALLY ?!


WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO COLLECT DATA?
WHOA, IT'S TIME TO COLLECT FREE DATA ALREADY! I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW!!
UM, AT GINZA. I'M GOING THERE BY TRAIN.


WH.. WHO'S THAT ?

I'LL HIDE THE DOCU-MENTS HERE ....
THEY WON'T LOOK FOR IT IN THIS ABAN-DONED BUILD-ING.


THESE ARE SERI-OUS CRIMES.
YOU... YOU'RE GINJI! I'M YOUR BOSS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

GOU RIKI .....
WH.. AT, WHO'S THIS BALDY ?
THIS IS THE 13TH FLOOR, HOW DID HE GET HERE ....

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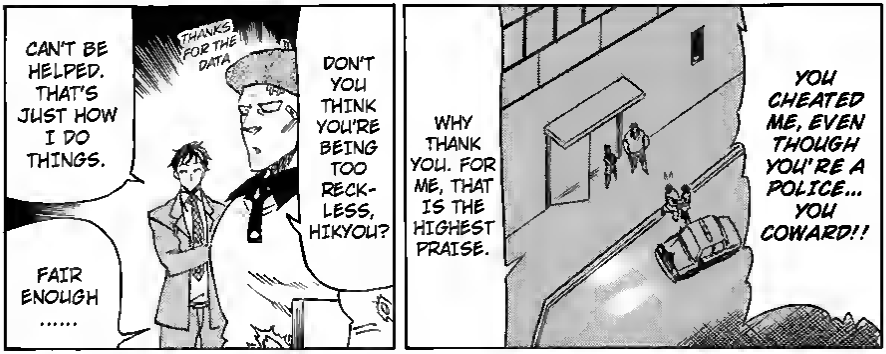
EMBEZ-ZLING GOLD, CON-CEALING DOCU-MENTS, ASSAULTING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (THE BALDY) ...
!?

GEH !!
WHAT ?
ALAS, I'M JUST A LAD WHO RECENTLY JOINED YOUR GROUP ... ..
GIN-JI ...?


CAN'T BE HELPED. THAT'S JUST HOW I DO THINGS.
FAIR ENOUGH .....
THANKS FOR THE DATA
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE BEING TOO RECK-LESS, HIKYOU?
WHY THANK YOU. FOR ME, THAT IS THE HIGHEST PRAISE.
YOU CHEATED ME, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A POLICE... YOU COWARD!!

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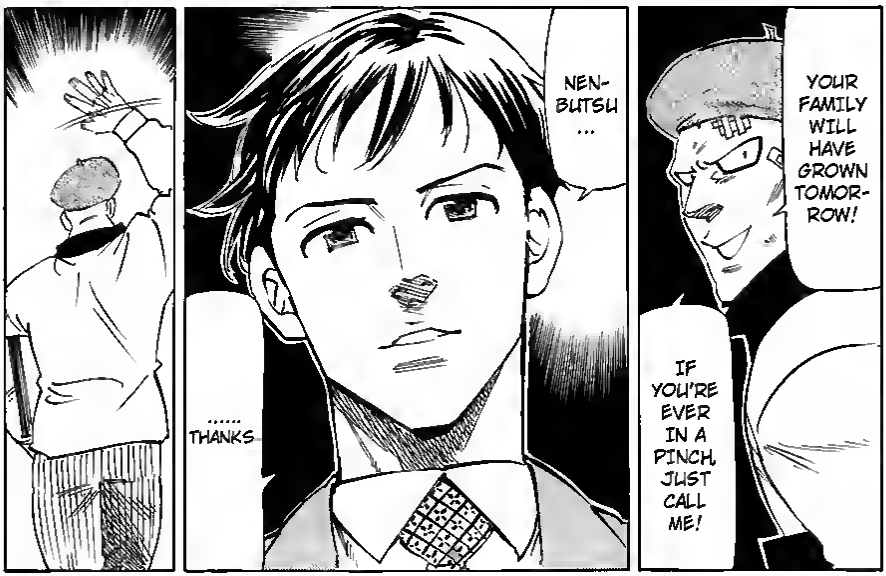
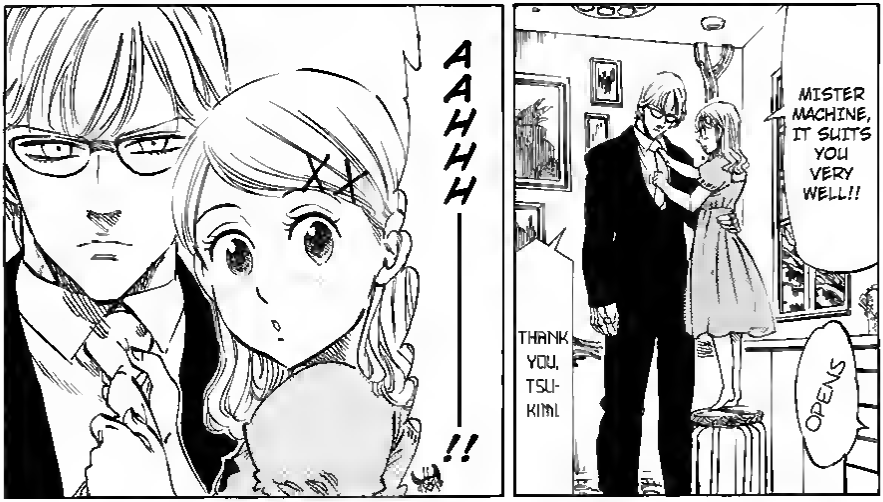

..... THANKS
NEN-BUTSU ...
IF YOU'RE EVER IN A PINCH, JUST CALL ME!
YOUR FAMILY WILL HAVE GROWN TOMOR-ROW!

WHY HAVE YOU BEEN ON THE PHONE FOR SO LONG?!
THE BRIDE ISN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LATE!!
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO CALL HINAKO FOR A WHILE NOW TO CONFIRM OUR DISCUSSION FROM BEFORE BUT I CAN'T REACH HER ...
WHAT IF SHE ALREADY LEFT?! IF YOU'RE THAT WORRIED, I'LL GO AND LOOK FOR YOU!!
YOU NEED TO HURRY UP!!
MOM !!
MOO OOM !!
I...I'M NOT REALLY GOOD AT SOMETHING LIKE THIS ...
IS IT REALLY OK FOR ME TO DO THIS .....?
JUST HURRY UP AND GET GOING !!
I...I KNOW !!
AGGH, SOO BUSY !!

DELICIOUS PUDDING SHOP
KONGOU WORKSHOP
REST DAY
NAA NAA


AAHHH——!!
MISTER MACHINE, IT SUITS YOU VERY WELL!!
THANK YOU, TSUKINI
OPENS

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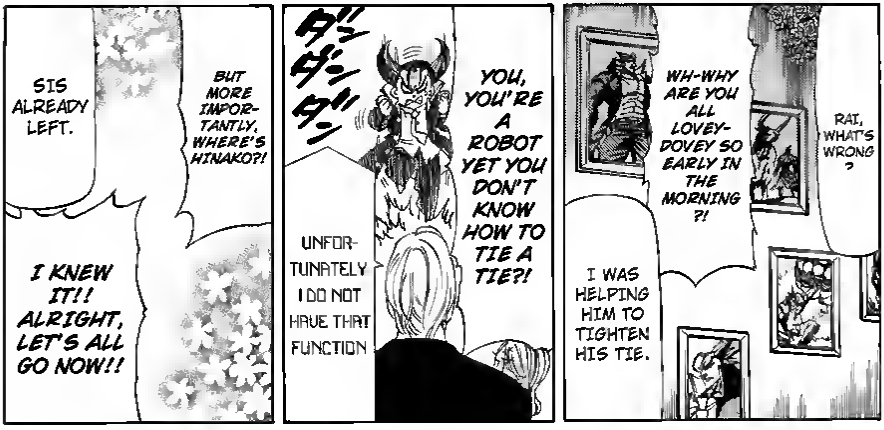
SIS ALREADY LEFT.
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHERE'S HINAKO?!
I KNEW IT!! ALRIGHT, LET'S ALL GO NOW!!
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UNFORTUNATELY I DO NOT HAVE THAT FUNCTION
YOU, YOU'RE A ROBOT YET YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO TIE A TIE?!
WH-WHY ARE YOU ALL LOVEY-DOVEY SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?!
I WAS HELPING HIM TO TIGHTEN HIS TIE.
RAI, WHAT'S WRONG?

WE'LL BE FINE.
FINE MY FOOT! THERE'S ONLY 20 MINUTES LEFT?!
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WAI... BRING ME TOO !!
UNFORTUNATELY THERE IS ONLY ENOUGH SPACE FOR ONE.
WE NEED TO GET A TAXI...
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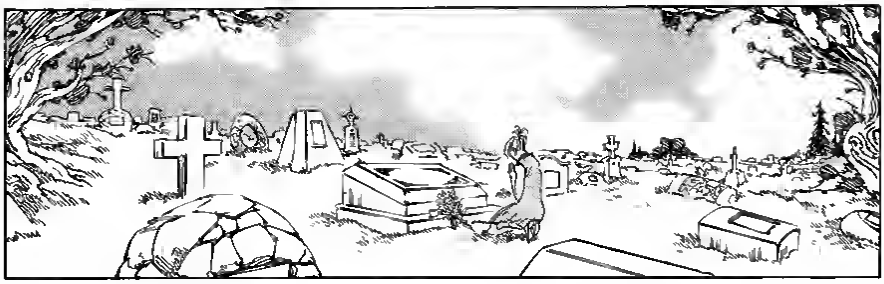
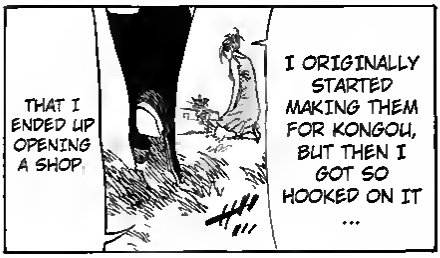
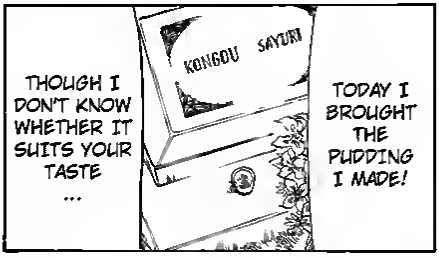
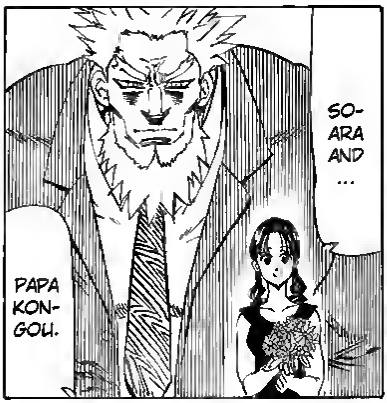
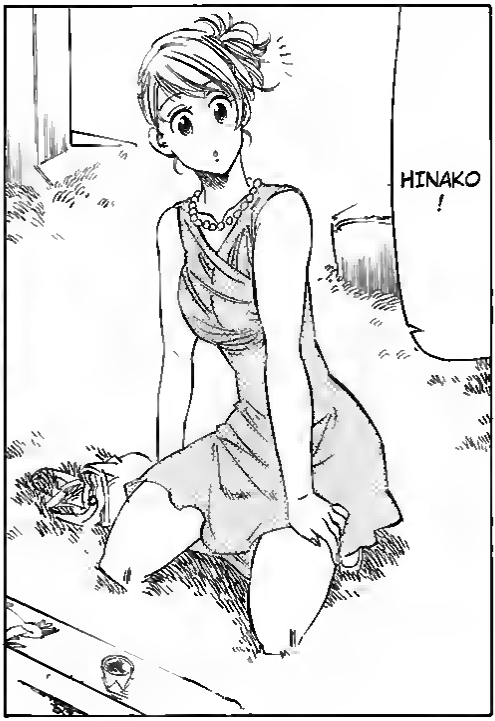



I ORIGINALLY STARTED MAKING THEM FOR KONGOU, BUT THEN I GOT SO HOOKED ON IT ...
THAT I ENDED UP OPENING A SHOP


TODAY I BROUGHT THE PUDDING I MADE!
KONGOU SAYURI
THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT SUITS YOUR TASTE ...


SO-ARA AND ...
PAPA KON-GOU.


HINAKO !

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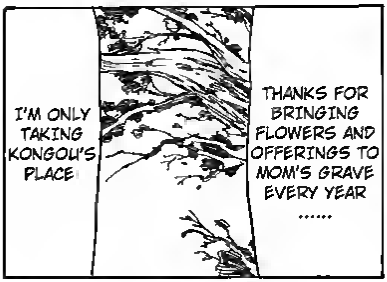
THANKS FOR BRINGING FLOWERS AND OFFERINGS TO MOM'S GRAVE EVERY YEAR .....
I'M ONLY TAKING KONGOU'S PLACE

IT'S ALREADY BEEN FIVE YEARS
HINAKO, I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THINKING ABOUT AKIRA ...
BUT YOU'RE STILL YOUNG.
YOU DON'T NEED TO KEEP WAITING FOR HIM.
HE PROMISED THAT HE'LL DEFINITELY COME BACK.
THAT'S WHY I'LL WAIT.
HI-NAKO ...
AND ABOUT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE SAY ... "LIKE I CARE" !!
I WANT MYSELF TO DO IT PROPERLY!!
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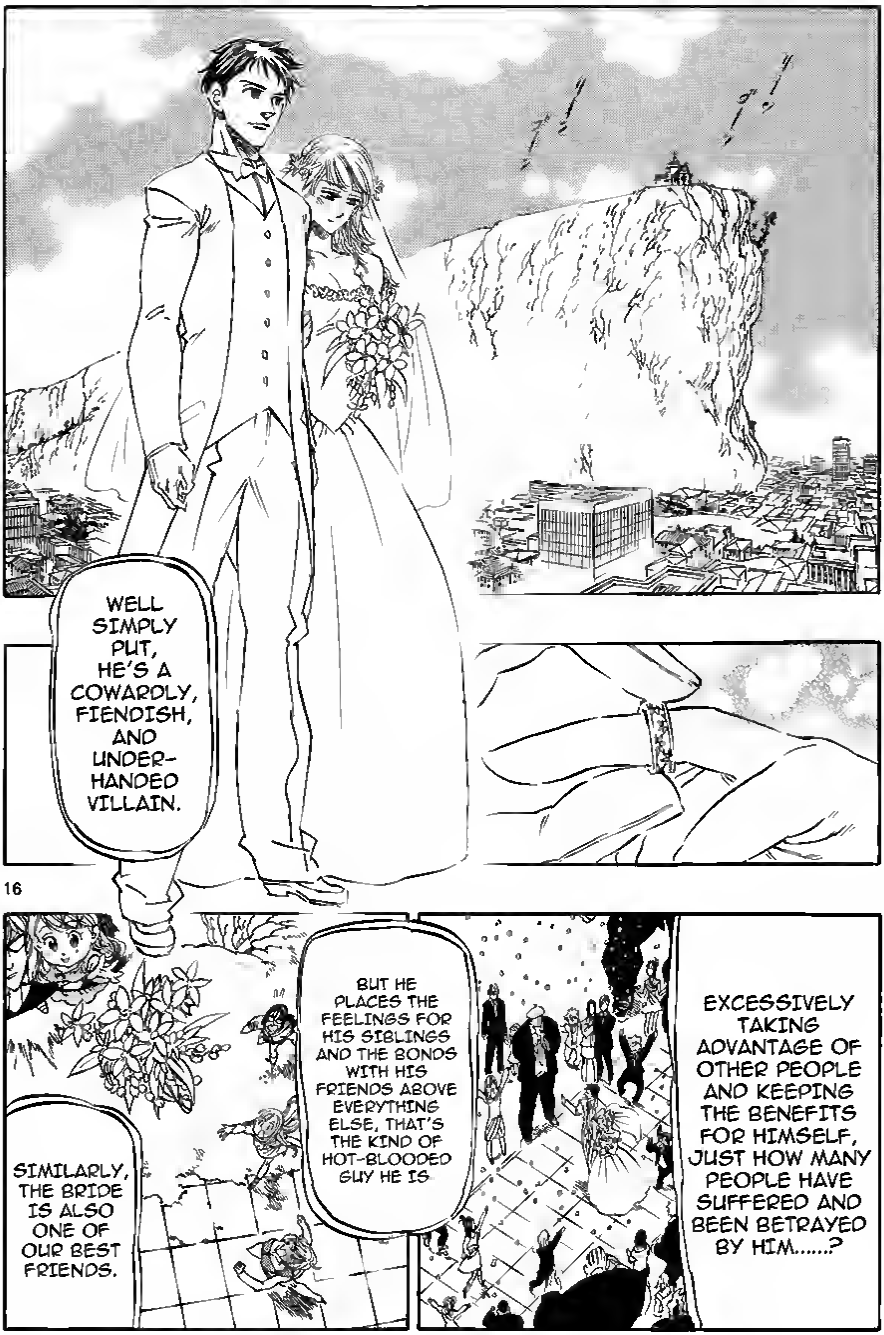
..... THANK YOU, HINAKO.


WELL SIMPLY PUT, HE'S A COWARDLY, FIENDISH, AND UNDER-HANDED VILLAIN.
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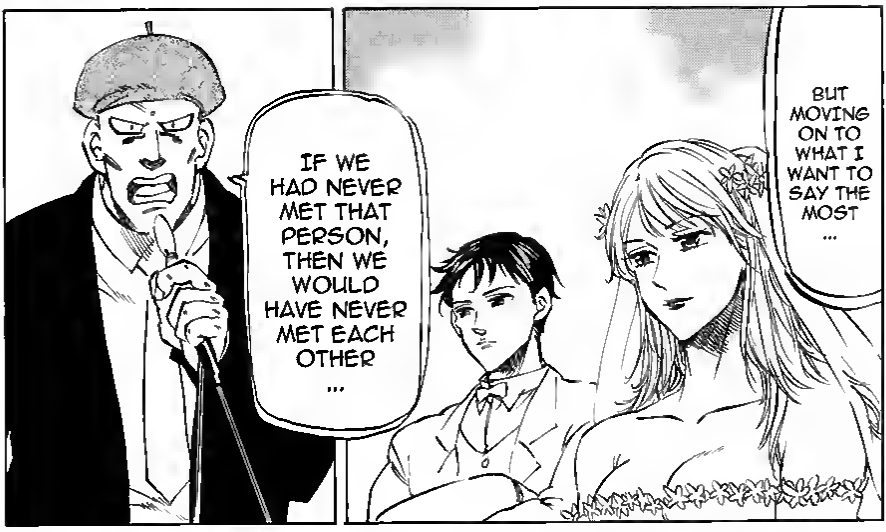
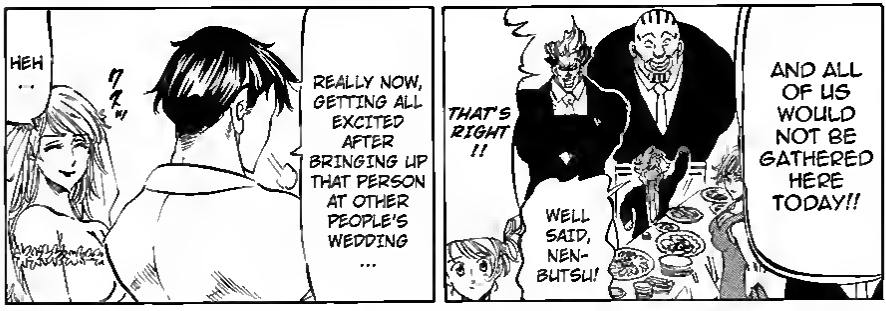
SIMILARLY, THE BRIDE IS ALSO ONE OF OUR BEST FRIENDS.
BUT HE PLACES THE FEELINGS FOR HIS SIBLINGS AND THE BONDS WITH HIS FRIENDS ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE, THAT'S THE KIND OF HOT-BLOODED GUY HE IS
EXCESSIVELY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OTHER PEOPLE AND KEEPING THE BENEFITS FOR HIMSELF, JUST HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED AND BEEN BETRAYED BY HIM.....?


IF WE HAD NEVER MET THAT PERSON, THEN WE WOULD HAVE NEVER MET EACH OTHER ...
BUT MOVING ON TO WHAT I WANT TO SAY THE MOST ...


HEH ...
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REALLY NOW, GETTING ALL EXCITED AFTER BRINGING UP THAT PERSON AT OTHER PEOPLE'S WEDDING ...
THAT'S RIGHT !!
WELL SAID, NEN-BUTSU!
AND ALL OF US WOULD NOT BE GATHERED HERE TODAY!!

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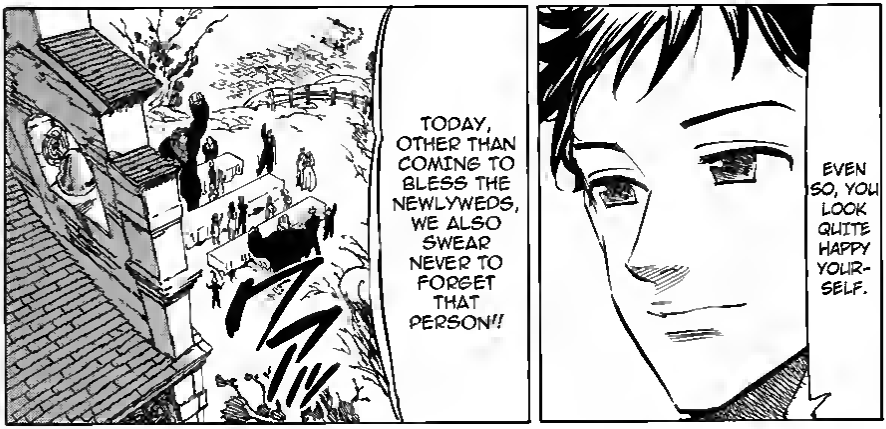
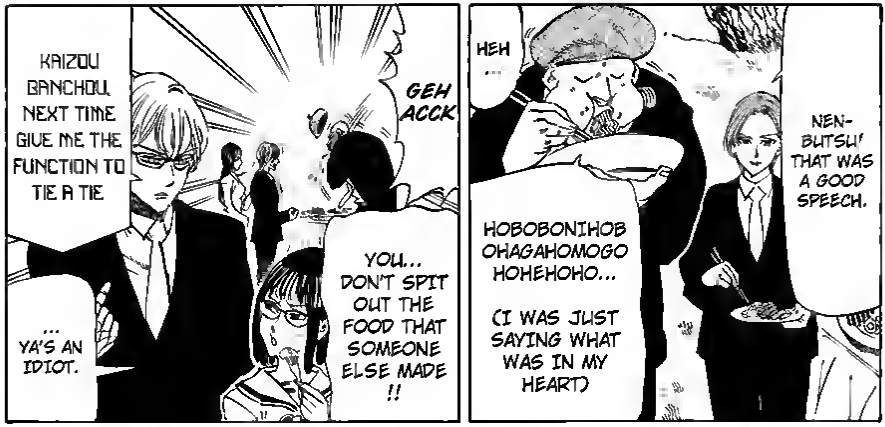
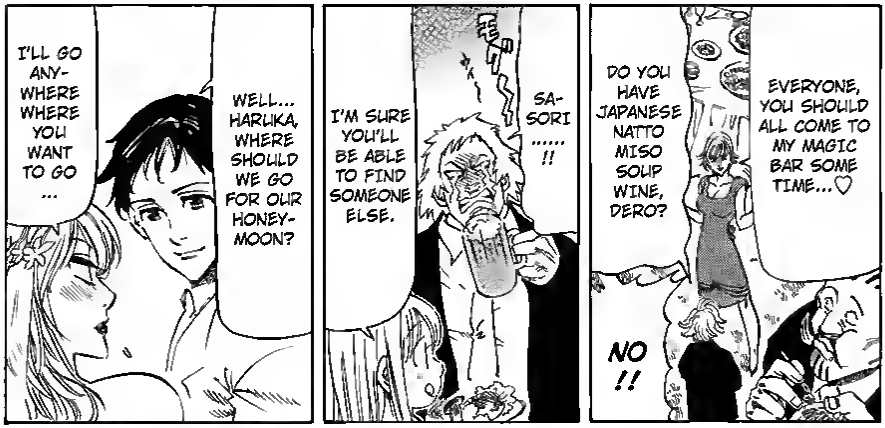

TODAY, OTHER THAN COMING TO BLESS THE NEWLYWEDS, WE ALSO SWEAR NEVER TO FORGET THAT PERSON!!
EVEN SO, YOU LOOK QUITE HAPPY YOUR-SELF.


KAIZOU BANCHOU, NEXT TIME GIVE ME THE FUNCTION TO TIE A TIE
... YA'S AN IDIOT.
GEH ACCK
YOU... DON'T SPIT OUT THE FOOD THAT SOMEONE ELSE MADE !!
HEH ...
HOBOBONIHOB OHAGAHOMOGO HOHEHOHO...
(I WAS JUST SAYING WHAT WAS IN MY HEART)
NEN-BUTSU! THAT WAS A GOOD SPEECH.


I'LL GO ANY-WHERE WHERE YOU WANT TO GO ...
WELL... HARUKA, WHERE SHOULD WE GO FOR OUR HONEY-MOON?
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE.
SA-SORI ..... !!
DO YOU HAVE JAPANESE NATTO MISO SOUP WINE, DERO?
NO !!
EVERYONE, YOU SHOULD ALL COME TO MY MAGIC BAR SOME TIME...♡

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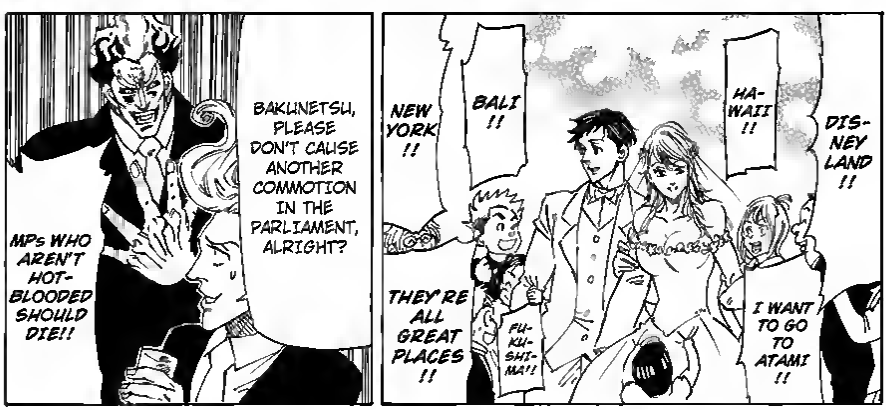
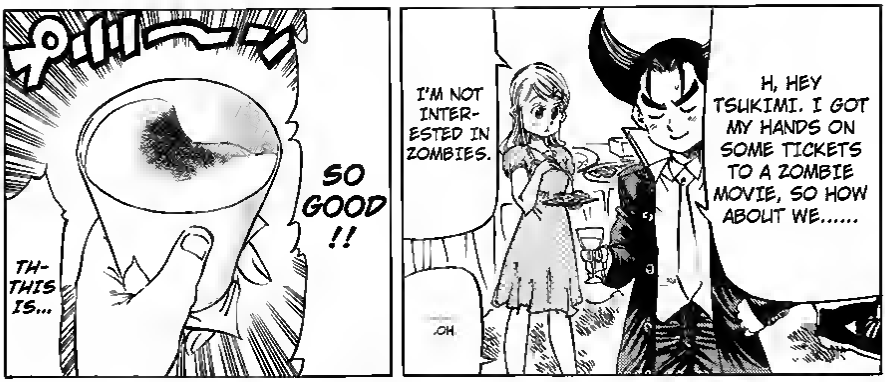
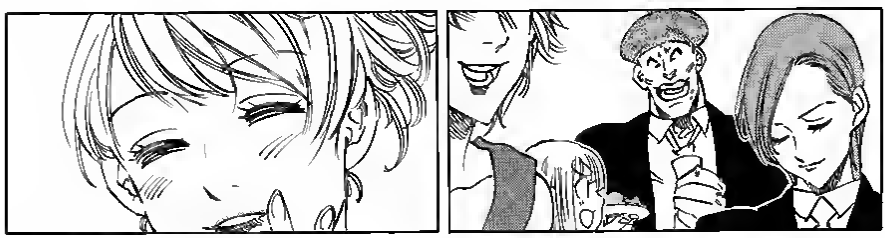

BAKUNETSU, PLEASE DON'T CAUSE ANOTHER COMMOTION IN THE PARLIAMENT, ALRIGHT?
MPs WHO AREN'T HOT-BLOODED SHOULD DIE!!
NEW YORK !!
BALI !!
HA-WAII !!
DIS-NEY LAND !!
THEY'RE ALL GREAT PLACES !!
FU-KU-SHI-MA!!
I WANT TO GO TO ATAMI !!


TH-THIS IS...
SO GOOD !!
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ZOMBIES.
OH
H, HEY TSUKIMI. I GOT MY HANDS ON SOME TICKETS TO A ZOMBIE MOVIE, SO HOW ABOUT WE.....

I DON'T HAVE A THING FOR SWEET FOOD, BUT THIS IS REALLY GOOD!!
AH SO TASTY, DERO~
HERE, TOUYA
WHAT'S THIS, IT'S REAALLY DELICIOUS !!
IT'S NOT REALLY THAT GREAT!
THE LEGENDARY 'KONGOU WORKSHOP PUDDING', WHERE YOU NEED TO LINE UP FOR FOUR HOURS JUST TO BUY ONE!!



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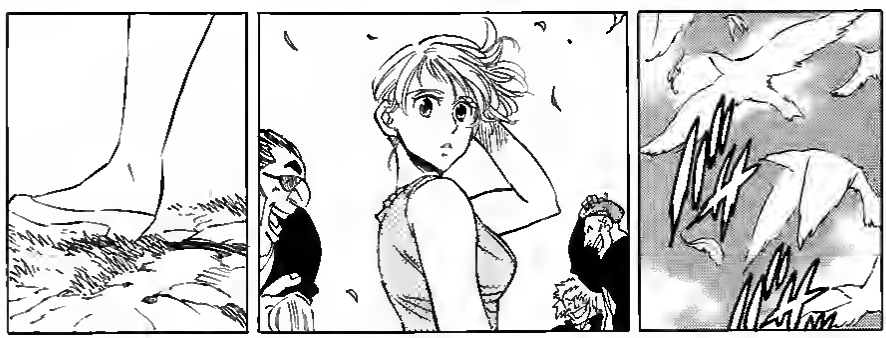

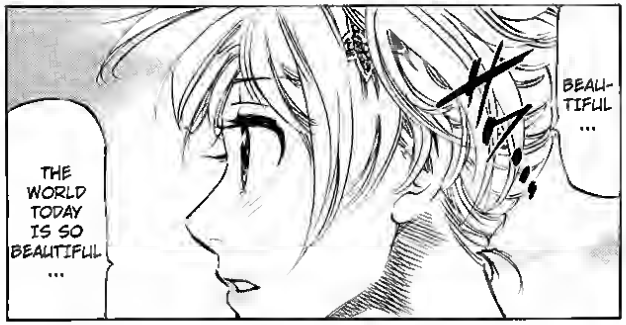
BEAU-
TIFUL
...
THE
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TODAY
IS SO
BEAUTIFUL
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THAT'S
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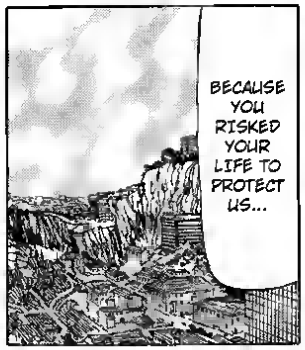
CAN BE
SO HAPPY
TODAY,
MYSELF
INCLUDED


BECAUSE
YOU
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LIFE TO
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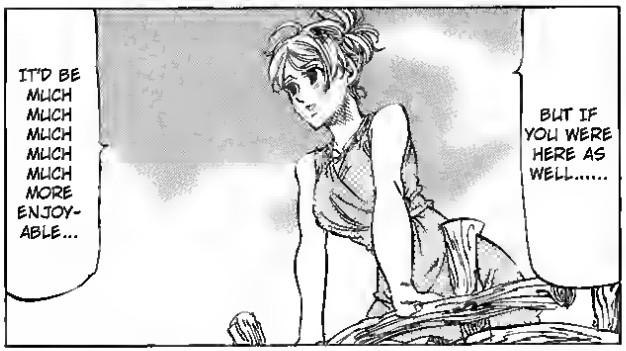
IT'D BE
MUCH
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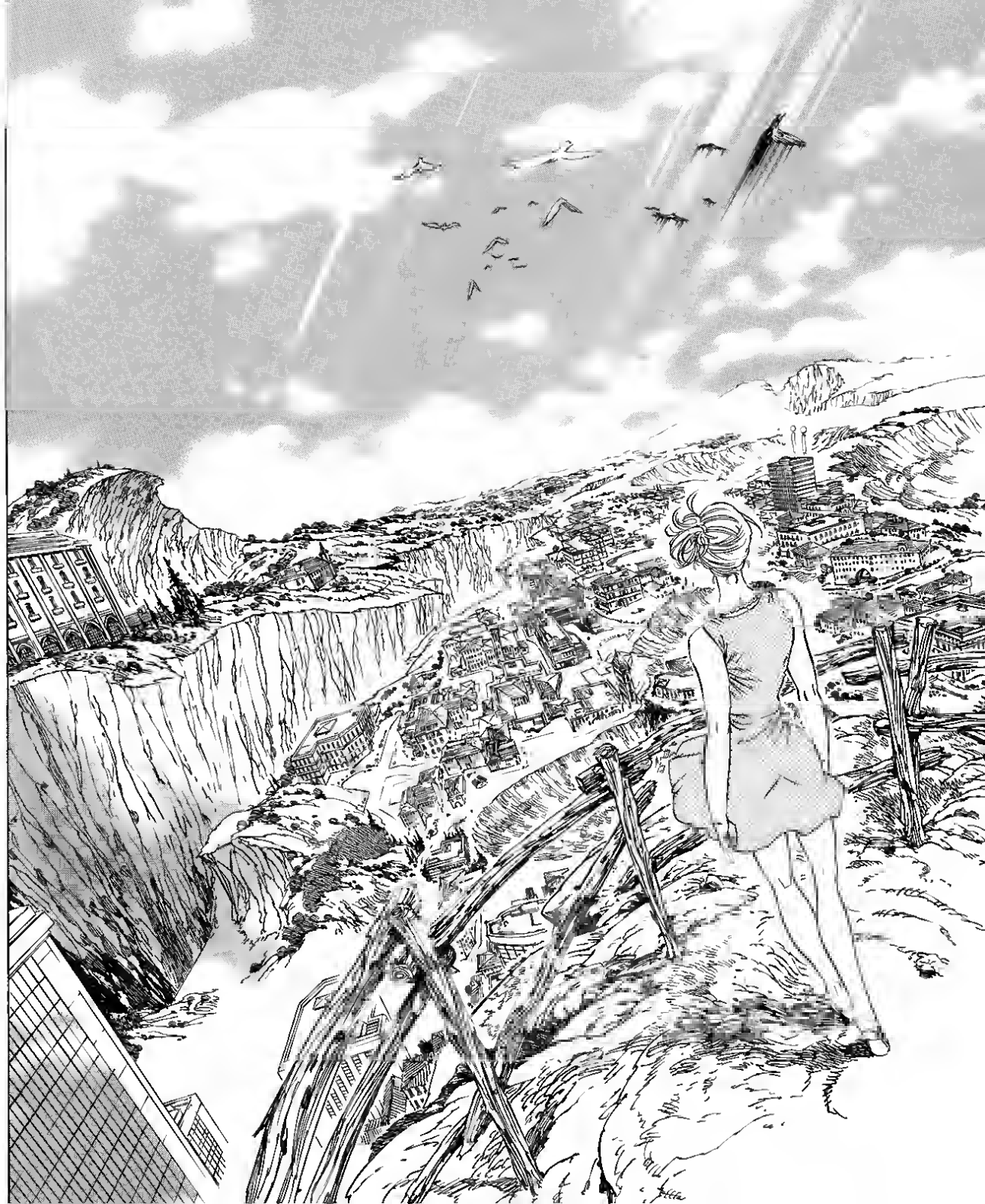
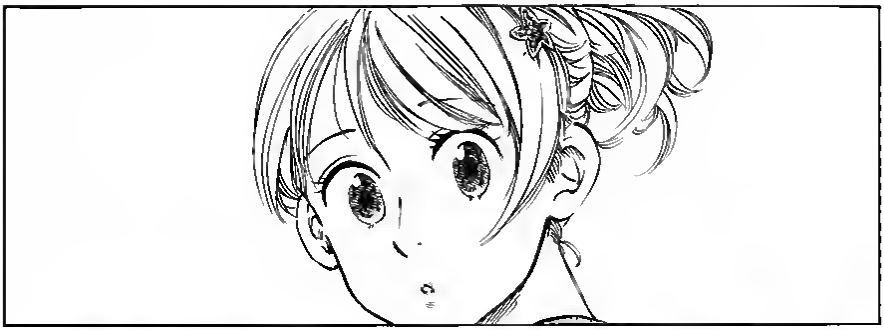
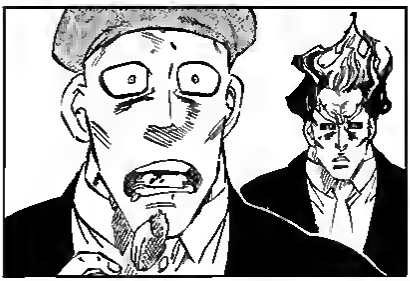
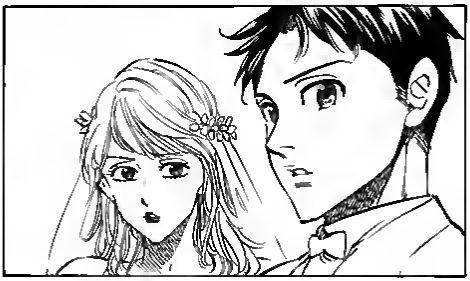
BUT IF
YOU WERE
HERE AS
WELL.....

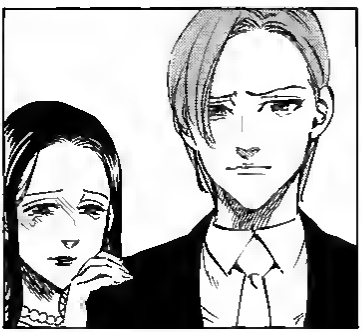
YEAH,

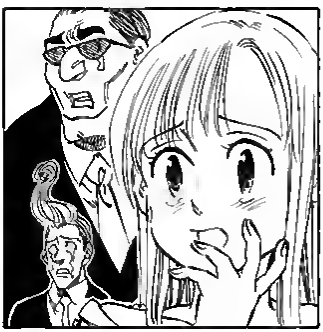












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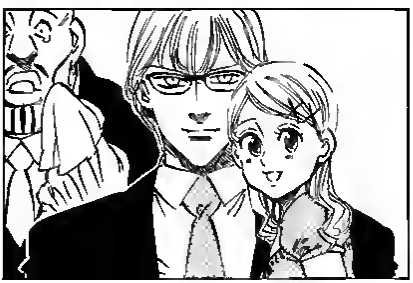

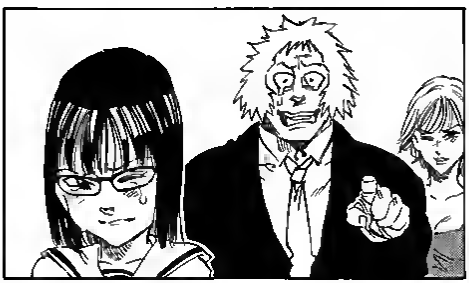

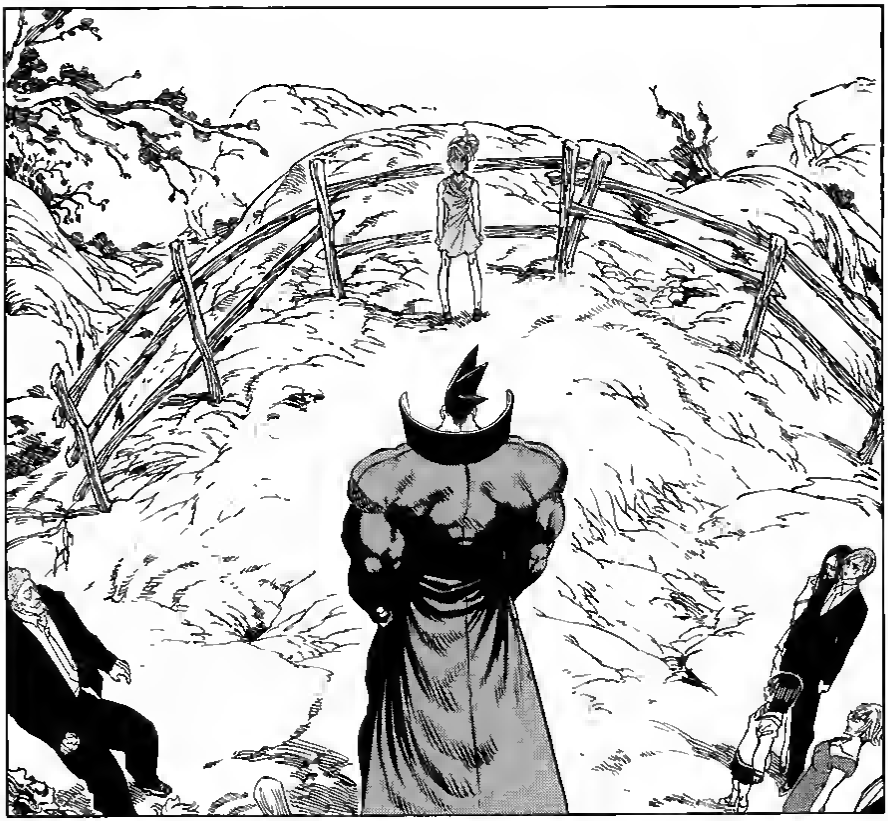

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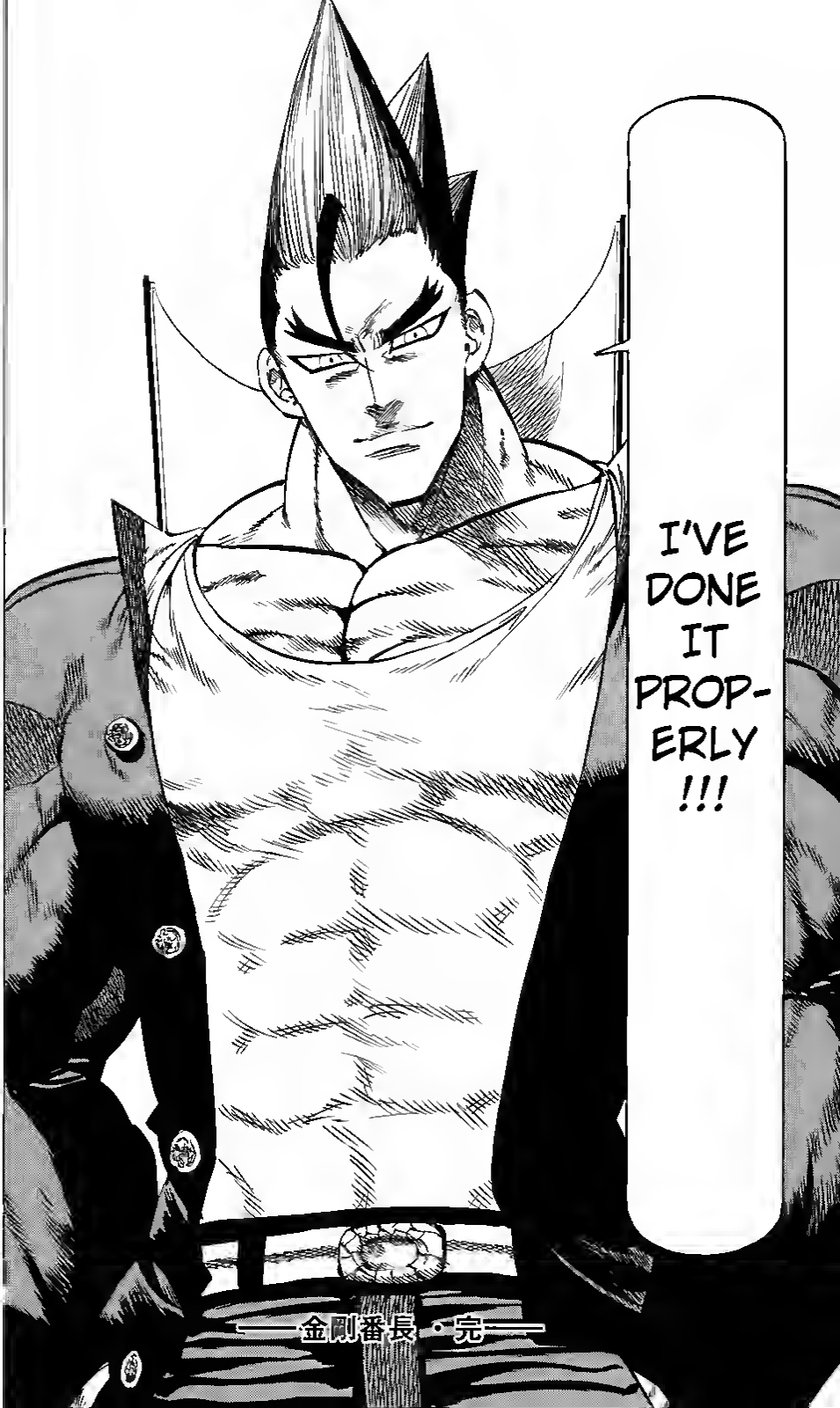

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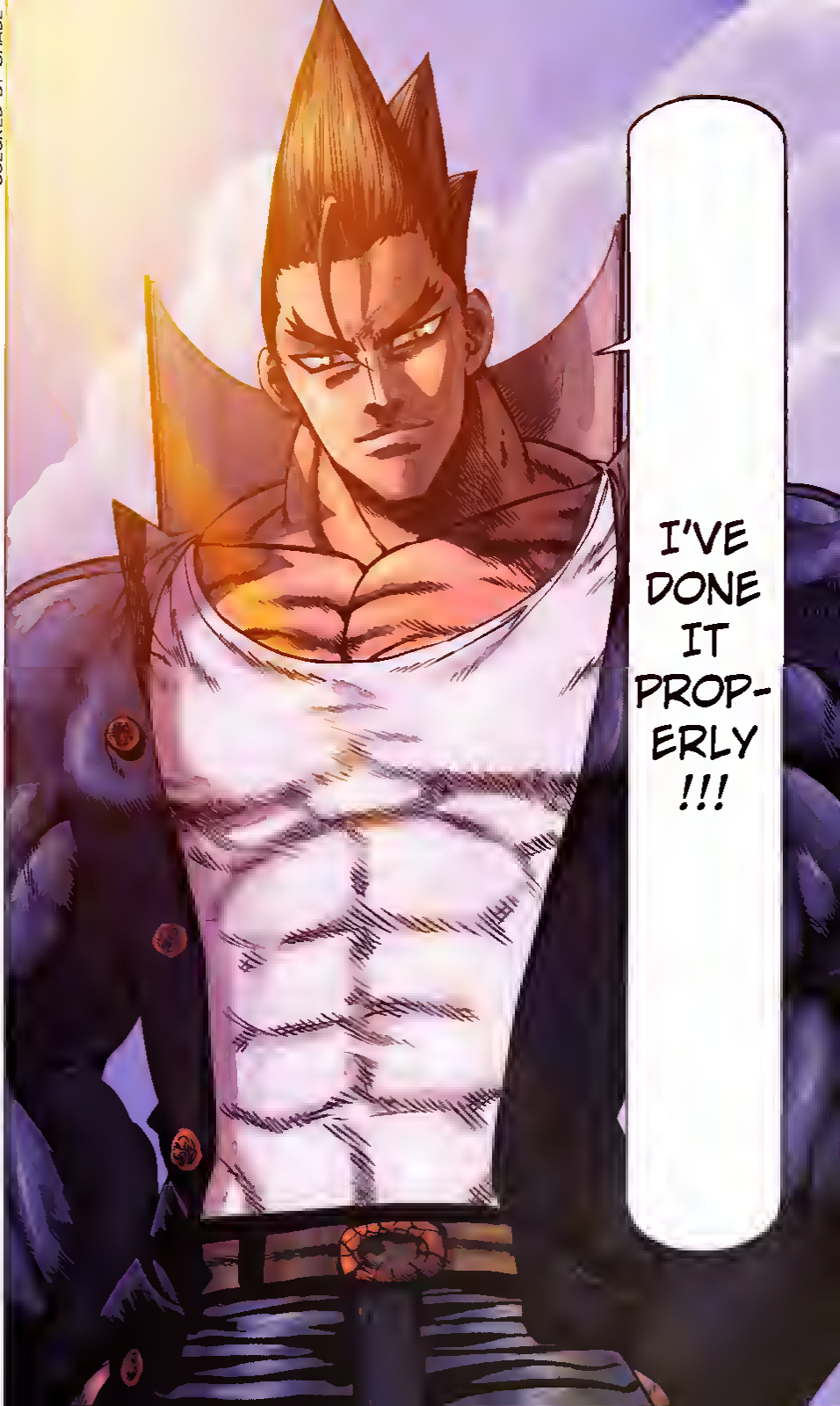
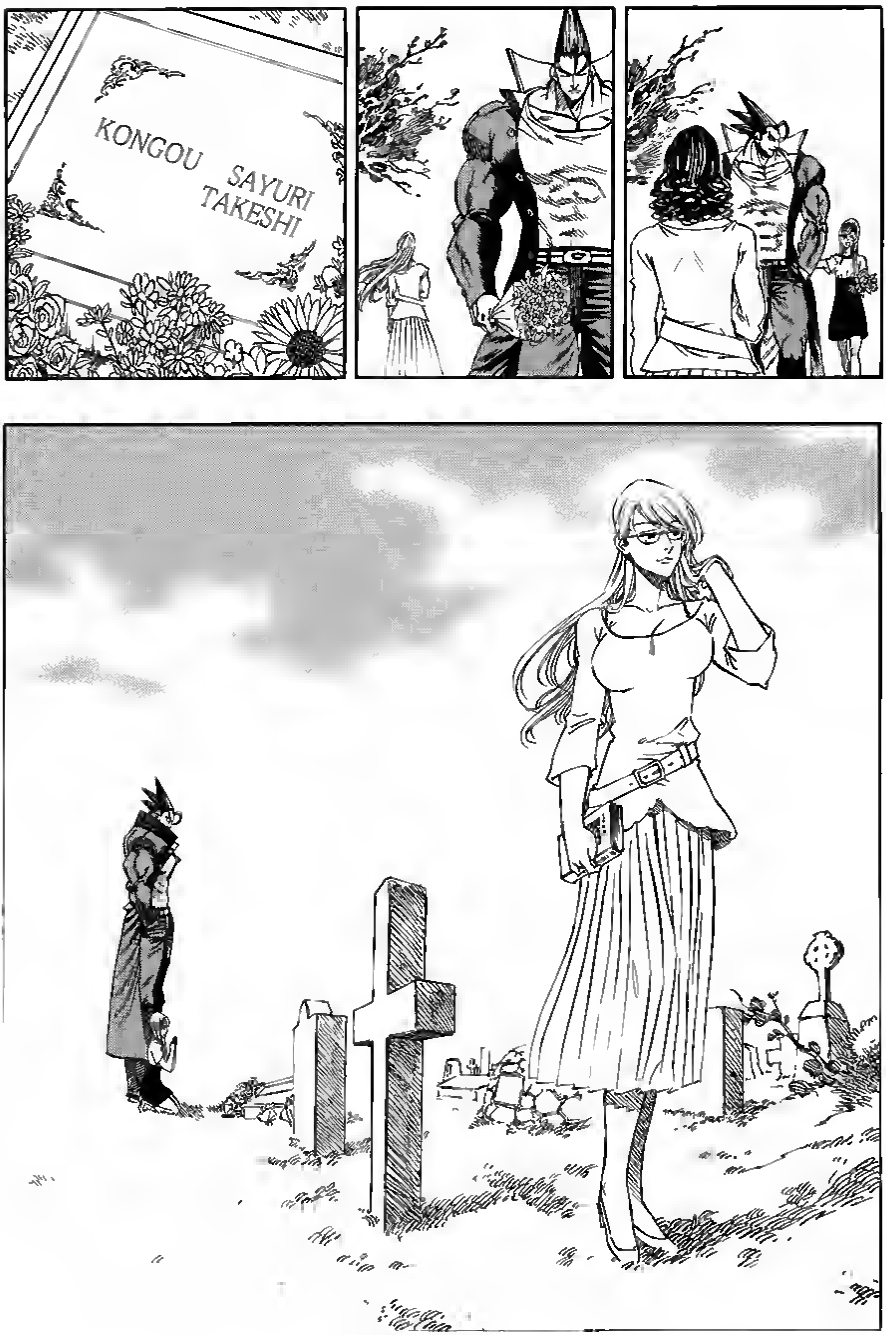

I'VE DONE IT PROP-ERLY !!!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NO LAST WORDS FROM THE AUTHOR HIMSELF SO I'LL BORE YOU WITH MINE INSTEAD. THEN AGAIN, I DON'T REALLY HAVE MUCH TO SAY MYSELF.

WAY OVER TWO YEARS AGO, SCANS OF KONGOU BANCHOU COMPLETELY STOPPED. THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF WHETHER IT'D CONTINUE AND THERE WAS NO WAY TO FIND THE SCANLATORS. ALL WE COULD DO WAS WAIT. SO I WAITED. AND WAITED. ENOUGH WAS ENOUGH, I DECIDED. IT'D BE TOO MUCH A PITY TO LET THIS ONE GO. SO OFF I WENT, HUNTING FOR GOOD RAWS AND MAKING SURE I KNEW AT LEAST THE BASICS OF WHAT TO DO.

IT'S BEEN ALMOST ONE YEAR SINCE THEN. NOW, HERE WE ARE AT THE FINAL CHAPTER. HOPEFULLY THE QUALITY WASN'T TOO BAD. I WAS COMPLETELY NEW TO EVERYTHING WHEN I STARTED. ALONG THE WAY, I'VE MET QUITE A FEW PEOPLE, MADE SOME NEW FRIENDS. MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED OUT. COLOR PAGES WERE NICELY PROVIDED BY OUR REDRAWER SHADE. IT'S BEEN GREAT WORKING WITH EVERYONE. I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE ENJOYED THIS AS MUCH AS I HAVE. ALRIGHT, ENOUGH WITH THE SENTIMENTALITIES.

WITH THIS, KONGOU BANCHOU IS FINALLY COMPLETED. MY JOB HERE IS DONE AND I'LL MOST LIKELY RETREAT BACK INTO THE SHADOWS. WHO KNOWS, I MIGHT APPEAR YET AGAIN. TILL THEN, SEE YA ALL.

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